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It's basketball's centennial weekend

By DARREN A. DeVOUE
Sports Editor



Super Bowl parties aren't the only celebration in vogue this weekend.

This weekend is the Basketball Centennial Reunion Weekend for Mansfield University basketball and is the highlight of the season-long celebration of 100 years of basketball.

Mansfield expects more than 150 players, coaches, and staff, including former MU greats

Nelson Tuitt, Carl Walker, Tony Budzik, and Brian White to be on hand for the weekend.

"The response so far has been better than we ever could have expected," said Steve McCloskey, MU Basketball Centennial Committee Co-Chairman. "Right now, we have confirmation from players from every decade from the 1930s to the 1990s. We're getting cards, calls, and emails everyday.

A tip-off party will be held Friday evening.

The men's and women's

teams will play Millersville Saturday, and the former players, coaches and staff will be guests of honor at both games.

The celebration will culminate Saturday evening with a Centennial Reunion Banquet in Decker Gymnasium. At the banquet, an All-Century team will be announced. A proclamation from Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge will be presented to the University along with proclamations from Rep. Matt Baker and the House of Representatives, Mansfield bor-

ough, the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference and the State System of Higher Education.

In addition, players, coaches and boosters from 1940-1971 will be given a piece of the playing floor from the recently demolished Rec Center, which housed MU basketball until Decker Gymnasium opened its doors.

Reservations to attend the Centennial Reunion Banquet must be made by today. To do so contact the Sports Information office at MU, at 662-4845.

Students getting steamed over heating problems in dorms

By LIZ VISOTSKI
Flashlight Writer

Student who lives in one of the dormitories on campus have heard the complaints, if they haven't made a few of their own. The main gripe is the heat.

A little background on the problem. The heat is supplied by steam from the boilers in the basement of the building and pumped through pipes to the rooms. Simple right? Wrong. The problem in Laurel arises from air getting into the pipes and causing a problem. It is a problem that reoccurs every year.

So far the only way to combat the cold is to call Jack

Reidy, the man who keeps Laurel running and is affectionately referred to as Uncle Jack by his residents, who responds on a moment's notice to a complaint. To adjust the heat he must go room-to-room adjusting the heating restricters in each room, cooling unbearably hot rooms and warming the colder ones.

The worst enemies to the heating situation are the windows. Because they are getting rather old, the windows are becoming loose and allowing cold air to seep in the rooms. It seems to permeate the cinder block walls and tile floors to the point that many residents feel that it may never come warm again.

But have no fear! A program has already been started in Maple to renovate and improve the conditions. So far several floors have been given new windows, with more to receive the face lift as time progresses. According to Mike LeMasters, director of Residence Life, architects are being examined to find plans to do some major renovations to Maple, including a new heating system.

For the time being though students will have to make due with the old tried and true formulas for keeping warm. Ask Jack for help, put plastic over the windows to cut the chill, dig up some warm blankets, and go to Aruba for Spring break.

SGA announces plans for time capsule

By CARL D. MADONNA
Flashlight News Editor

With the change of millennium, the Student Government Association has made plans to put together a time capsule. SGA plans to bury the time capsule in the new Student Union Building and is currently conducting a contest to see what will go in the capsule.

The theme for the time capsule is "what is was..."

Student-run organizations will have the opportunity to participate by submitting ideas as to what should be in the capsule. The size of the time capsule is no greater than that of a backpack so space is limited.

If anyone is interested in participating, please send suggestions to Box 114, Maple A, no later than Monday.

Campus construction update

By DANIEL AMIDON
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University campus is looking better all the time and becoming a better institution due to repairs and new construction.

The most noticeable change is the renovation of Alumni Hall. Work is on schedule and will be completed in late March or early April when it will become the new home of the Student Center and organizations now housed in Alumni Hall.

An excited Bob Manganello, Mansfield student, remarked "I can't wait for the new Student Center, there will be so many more things to do on campus." If you would like a sneak-peek at the New Student Center, you can check it out online at, <http://www.mnsfld.edu/~stuaffrs>.

A new parking garage is currently being designed and will be in operation next Fall as will a parking lot, both on the



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The new home of the Student Union Center will house many organizations.

north side of campus.

A childcare center, near the commuter parking lot, is under, however work is being delayed by weather

conditions.

A multi-million dollar infrastructure project is also being done to improve the electricity, steam lines, and storm

drainage across the entire University. During the summer, the mechanical systems of Straughn Hall, Elliott Hall and the Grant Science Center will be updated.

In the future there will be a renovation of Belknap and Retan to make them handicapped accessible, install air conditioning, and utilize space more efficiently. There will also be a tower constructed between the two buildings containing an elevator and stairs and providing access between Retan and Belknap. The dorms will be rewired to facilitate network access where it is possible. Maple Hall and Memorial Hall will undergo major renovations.

A request to modernize and renovate the Grant Science Center will also be submitted and if accepted will begin in the next few years.

Dr. Stephen Bronn, vice president of Administration and Finance, said "We are making the buildings more suitable and maximizing space."

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Rules at MU could avert tragedy like Seton Hall's

By BERNADETTE CRUMB
Flashlight Writer

Three freshmen died during a residence hall fire that broke out Jan. 19 at Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J. Six students were critically burned, and 52 others were hurt. Also injured were two firefighters and police officers.

The fire broke out on the third floor of North Boland Hall, setting off fire alarms at approximately 4:30 a.m. Because of a string of 18 false alarms in the building over the school year, many of the students ignored the warning until awoken by screams for help and resident assistants pounding on doors. Due to the delay in evacuating the building, some students were unable to escape through the corridors and fire exits, requiring rescue by fire department through broken windows. 640 students lived in the 350-room residence hall, which was built in 1952.

Killed were Frank

S. Caltabilota, 18, of West Long Branch, N.J., John N. Giunta, 18, of Vineland, N.J., and Aaron C. Karol, 18, of Green Brook, N.J. A memorial service was held Tuesday at the Walsh Gymnasium, Seton Hall University.

Mansfield University President John Halstead said, "The Seton Hall dorm fire was a tragic situation for any college campus. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of the students who were killed, severely burned, and injured. During these times, I also think of students who lost close friends and colleagues who work on another campus in a nearby state who are faced with the grieving of their academic community."

The Seton Hall tragedy was worsened by the students assuming that it was yet another false alarm, allowing the fire to make significant advances before it was taken seriously. Quick response to all alarms can protect lives and reduce injury. M.U. has spe-

cific conduct regulations that cover the misuse of fire and safety equipment; including setting false alarms.

Vice President for Student Affairs Joseph Maresco said, "The (following) statement, taken from the Handbook for Campus Living, sums up the university's attitude with regard to instigators of false alarms, 'University officials are particularly upset when irresponsible individuals tamper with fire and safety apparatus. Persons found doing so are generally arrested and face rather stiff penalties.'"

The fire at North Boland Hall has provoked calls by lawmakers in New Jersey, and other states, for all university dormitories to be retrofitted with modern sprinkler systems. Mansfield University residence halls were constructed before regulations requiring sprinkler system installation went into effect.

When asked if Mansfield would consider adding sprinklers to the existing buildings as part of the university's infrastructure projects, Maresco

said, "When North Hall was renovated, a sprinkler system was required and installed. However, the student center did not require a sprinkler system, but we did have to replace the entire alarm system as well as use the latest fire retardant materials in the construction. With regard to plans for sprinklers in the residence halls, there are no plans to install sprinklers. The design, construction and materials used in our halls do not require sprinklers."

All dorm rooms and common areas are hard-wired with smoke and heat sensors, which alert the University Police Department when triggered. University police contact the fire department upon notification of a fire. The alarms are sensitive enough that a burned meal in one of the residence hall floor kitchens can set them off, Maresco said.

All M.U. students and staff should become aware of the safety procedures to follow should a fire break out in a university building. Maresco said, "You will find specific information in the Password, our student handbook,

that deals with safety issues. Pages 44, 46-48 and 50 each have some information that relates to fire and safety considerations. In addition, our Handbook for Campus Living, provided to residence hall students, has information related to fire and safety issues, as well. The Password contains a section on Emergency Procedures that covers fires. In addition, procedure manuals for residence hall staff, including R.A.s, have extensive sections covering safety procedures, including fire. Our university police, in conjunction with our residence life staff, conduct unannounced monthly fire drills in all residence halls."

All alarm and safety systems in all campus buildings are tested on an annual basis. Everything from fire extinguishers to the actual individual floor bells/alarms are tested to be sure that they are fully operational. Buildings and Grounds personnel also receive periodic training in the area of fire safety and use of equipment and, on occasion, the Mansfield Fire Department conducts training sessions on campus to familiarize their personnel with the facilities.

Donations top \$1 million

By CARL D. MADONNA
Flashlight News Editor

For the second straight year charitable contributions to the Mansfield University Foundation have exceeded one million dollars, \$1,091,948 to be exact.

"It's a real vote of confidence to see that alumni are still remembering Mansfield even though they are gone," said Terry Day, director of Public Relations.

The Mansfield Foundation is the official gift receiving organization for the university. All funds solicited through the Foundation go towards student scholarships,

grants and awards, faculty development and purchase of new equipment.

University President John Halstead told the alumni, "You have made a wise investment, as your alma mater continues to flourish."

According to Day, the Foundation uses telephone solicitation, mailings and the Mansfieldian to contact and update alumni on contributions. The most common and well received fund raisers are the Alumni Phonathon, Spring Phonathon and the Mansfieldian. "We just want to assure an ongoing effort to stay in contact with alumni," Day said.

The number of alumni

donors increased by 7 percent this past year alone. The Foundation has now experienced net assets of \$5,789,323, not to mention the 49 percent growth in its endowment.

"We expect to have another million dollar year through the donations provided by alumni, parents and local business," said Leslie Folmer, vice president for development. 21 percent of all alumni currently make contribution to the Foundation, and the national average is around 20 percent, according to Folmer. "We are tied with Lock Haven for the highest donor turnout of all the state schools," Folmer said.

Donations can be made by contacting either Day at x4844, or Folmer at x4292.

Three new degrees offered

Special to the Flashlight

Responding to the needs of both students and area employers Mansfield University is adding three new degree programs. A Master of Education program in School Library and Information Technology, the first of its kind in the United States, and a Bachelor of Science program in Sports and Fitness Nutrition will be implemented this fall. The Bachelor of Science in Applied Statistics and Computer Data Analysis will begin in the fall 2001 semester.

The three new programs were announced by MU President John Halstead following approval by the State System of Higher Education's Board of Governors. "We like to say that Mansfield is on the move and building a dynamic academic program is the most important part of that forward movement" Halstead said. "It's gratifying to see the initiative of our faculty in responding to the educational and career needs of our students and to workforce demands in the Twin Tiers and beyond. All three programs will broaden Mansfield's market and add to the quality of our curriculum," he added.

The School Library and Information Technology program will be offered completely on-line. The master's program will help address the shortage of certified library media specialists in elementary and secondary education. It will also help current school librarians, whose job responsibilities have evolved and now include web page

development, maintaining computer labs and instructing students in information management.

Student requests led to the development of the program in Sports and Fitness Nutrition, Halstead said. The program will prepare graduates for careers in sports and nutrition which they can use in settings as varied as corporate wellness centers, sports clinics and hospitals. It will be implemented through Mansfield's Robert Packer Department of Health Sciences.

Halstead said the ever expanding computer field, and the need for people who can design and interpret databases, and can communicate and problem-solve effectively led to the development of the Applied Statistics and Computer Data Analysis program. He praised the work of Professor Jean Werner and her faculty colleagues collaborating with business and industry leaders. MU Provost Joseph Moore echoed Halstead's sentiments. "The design and approval of all three new programs was made possible by the combined efforts of our faculty, our friends in business and industry and many public school librarians," Moore said. "We are grateful to so many people for their support of the university."

All three programs went through Mansfield's academic planning process, receiving a strong endorsement from the University Senate and the Council of Trustees in November. The State System's Board of Governors gave their approval Jan. 13, in Harrisburg. "Approval of these new programs demonstrates the State System of Higher Education's ability to adapt to the ever changing demands of business and industry in Pennsylvania," said Chancellor James H. McCormick.

Skywatch Weather

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THURSDAY



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FRIDAY



Partly Cloudy
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SATURDAY



Partly Cloudy
HI 28 Lo 17

SUNDAY



Partly Cloudy
HI 41 Lo 21



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"NO PLACE ON EARTH HAS BETTER WEATHER."

Local artist, Ed Kasimbira, dies at age 41

By DARREN A.DeVOUE
Sports Editor

Edward D. Kasimbira died as a result of heart failure Jan. 17.

Kasimbira left his spirit and creativity on the Mansfield community. He was renowned among local business owners for his range of artistic works. Kasimbira regularly assisted businesses.

Those who knew Kasimbira were witnesses to his quick wit as well as his artistic ability.

"Ed was good at making light

of a bad situation and making people smile," said friend David DeVoie.

"There was one time I was complaining to Ed about a possessive woman I was dating. Ed looked back at me and said 'You have to understand what you've gotten involved with... she's dangerously unbalanced!' After I stopped laughing, I broke up with her two weeks later."

Kasimbira is survived by his father Daniel, who is a professor here at Mansfield University, as well as two sisters, a brother, and his daughter.



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One of the many signs Ed Kasimbira painted for the Mansfield community.

South Side undergoes facelift

By DANIEL AMIDON
Flashlight Writer

With a new semester, Mansfield University students and staff are again faced with the omnipresent question, "What's for dinner?"

This leads to a host of choices from the main cafeteria to dining on Main Street. An alternative to cafeteria food and a shorter walk brings many Mansfield veterans and some new students to South Side.

Upon returning to South Side Court for the first time this semester, one

notices quickly a very different place. At the base of the south entrance of Manser Hall there is now a different sign showing the options of eating at either the main cafeteria or South Side, with a more detailed listing of upcoming meal specials.

Traveling up the stairs diners will also notice a display of plants that compliment the inner dining room, giving the area a more pleasant look. There is no longer a tray and silverware rack at the doors, and the food now comes in smaller, easier to handle baskets.

The food line has

The changes are a result of student comments and concerns.

-Kerry McGuire

also gotten a new look. Most noticeable is the large menu that spans a good portion of the back wall. New combinations of old menu choices along with many new food options has made South Side a very accomidating place to get a meal. The line has been re-designed to increase speed

and facilitate service to customers.

The condiment bar now includes more choices while ketchup and mustard bottles now are present on every table. The large beverage cooler has been replaced by a smaller, more efficient one.

South Side manager

Kerry McGuire said, "These changes are a result of student comments and concerns...and make South Side more attractive to both meal-plan and cash customers."

South Side regulars give the increased menu choices and different atmosphere a glowing review. Josh Blasc said, "I have always been a fan of South Side, but with the new values and selection there is no reason to eat anywhere else." Les Williams added, "The service is faster and the new menus both upstairs and downstairs make the choice of where to dine easier."

Student Success Seminars

Defining student success and establishing a path to success

Tuesday, February 1, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Laurel B Lounge

Speaker: Joe Miller, Assistant Director of Residence Life

Time Management

Tuesday, February 8, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Maple Conference Room

Presenter: Mr. Vince Jenkins, Minority Mentor

Better Grades in Less Time

Wednesday, February 9, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Allen Lecture Hall

Presenter: Gary Tuerack, Internationally known speaker and author

Budgeting 101

Wednesday, February 16, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Cedarcrest Rec Room

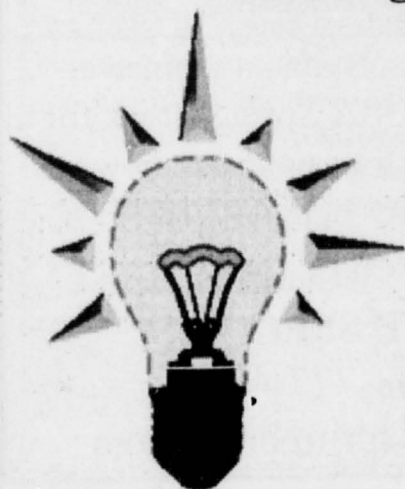
Presenter: Margaret Delmonico, Administrator of Speakers Bureau - P.S.E.C.U.

Note Taking, Study Skills

Thursday, February 17, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Pinecrest Rec Room

Presenter: Robert Everett, Mansfield University student



Any questions?

Call Joe Miller at
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Academic dismissal is now a possibility

By ANJI NOLAN
Photo/Web Editor

Are all the parties, sleeping in, bar hopping, closed books, skipping class and stubbornness in not seeing a tutor or asking for help really worth it? This winter alone, 48 students were academically dismissed from Mansfield University.

Dismissals came through the Office of the provost. The Academic Review Board headed by Dr. Michael Vayansky, did not meet.

Debra Cleveland, a spokesman for Academic Advising said, "This year the provost eliminated first dismissals. The Academic Standard Review Board has been eliminated for this semester only. He [the Provost] is doing this on a trial basis, so the students have one

more semester to bring their grades up before being dismissed."

"A degree seeking student whose cumulative quality point average (QPA) is below minimum academic requirement at the end of the semester will be dismissed from Mansfield. The determination of the minimum academic requirement includes courses accepted in transfer and courses attempted at Mansfield, according to the The Mansfield University Undergraduate Catalog.

If a student is academically dismissed, he/she may be reinstated to the University after a one year interval or appeal to the Academic Standards Review Board (ASRB). Regulations say a second or subsequent dismissal automatically terminates the student's association.

"Anything other than first time dismissals has to see and appeal to the Provost if they want to get back in." Cleveland said.

To stay in school and avoid academic dismissal, first semester transfers and students who have completed 0-18 credits must maintain a 1.00. Students who have completed 19-37 must maintain a 1.60. Students who have completed 38-56 must have a 1.80. To students who have completed 57 or more credits must maintain a 2.00 QPA.

Any student whose over all QPA falls below a 2.00 is placed on academic probation. Some departments, such as the Communication department, will have its students will meet weekly with their advisor and have to make an appointment with the Learning Center if their semester average falls below a 2.0.

Wellsboro prepares for Laurel Festival

By LIZ VISOTSKI
Flashlight Writer

definitely the best part," said a local student.

Other attractions will be contemporary recording artists "South 65" who will perform at the Queens Preview June 16. Other concerts will run during the week-long celebration, including Master Minstrel Jerry Brown. He will perform at the Juried Arts and Craft Fair June 16 and 17, which will also feature over 110 vendors offering a spectrum of handcrafted items.

The Queen candidates will be hosted by two Queens from Wellsboro, and will represent high schools from throughout the State. The winner of the crown in the Laurel Queen will win an educational scholarship of \$1,000 and the first runner-up will receive a \$500 scholarship. Scholarships are sponsored by the Wellsboro Rotary Club.

Other events offered at the week-long festival include an 18.8-mile bicycle touring race, a pet parade, 10K footrace, and fireman's carnival. The Laurel Festival will run from June 10-18.

Though the trees may still be bare and the snow lays frigidly on the evergreens, the community of Wellsboro is warming to the expectation of what is to come. The blooming of the State Flower, the mountain laurel, is to be celebrated for the 59th year at the annual Laurel Festival.

Bands from Wellsboro High and Rock L. Butler Middle School will host this year's parade June 17. Featured in this year's parade will be several high school bands, Mighty St. Joe's Alumni Drum & Bugle Corps and the Rochester Crusaders. Also participating will be other specialty musical units from across New York and Pennsylvania, professionally-designed floats transporting the Queen candidates, horse units, antique autos, clowns, twirling troops, and much more.

"The Parade is

Police Beat

Expensive calls

Godfrey Wilson, 23, will make restitution for \$110.62 worth of long distance telephone calls made on the library PSN.

Campus investigated the incident Saturday. Wilson was referred to Campus Judicial Board for unauthorized use to the PSN. Obscene Call Laurel Manor students reported receiving an obscene telephone Jan. 17.

Campus Police said the call was made from an off-campus location and left on an answering machine. The investigation continues.

Theft

A student reported the theft of his book bag Jan. 18 from his car parked in C Lot. Campus police said the complainant parked his vehicle in the lot Jan. 16 and believes he left the passenger-side door unlocked. When he returned to his vehicle Jan. 18 he discovered the theft.

The book bag contained a CD player and several CDs according to the police report.

Criminal mischief

Campus Police are investigating a broken window in North Hall. The first floor, west side window was shattered by a small object, approximately 3/16 inch in diameter. The incident happened sometime between 1 p.m. Jan. 17 and 1 p.m. Jan. 18.

Terroristic threats

A before lunch disagreement outside Manser Hall led to a charge of making terroristic threats for a student.

Saturday, Kenneth Olshefski and an unnamed individual had a brief argument in front of the dining hall, according to Campus Police. Threats were made.

Police were notified of the threats Sunday evening and charged Olshefski.

The case has been referred to Campus Judicial Board.

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Guest commentaries are also welcome. The subject of the commentary must be relevant to some topic occurring on campus, or to a story printed in the Flashlight. Guest writers should contact the editor about commentaries before the Monday the week of production. Story ideas are also welcome.

All letters can be sent to 217 Memorial Hall, or emailed to flashlit@mnsfld.edu. If you are interested in joining the Flashlight staff, call 662-4986 and leave a message for the news editor with your name and phone number where you can be reached.

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Editorial

As students returned to Mansfield University's campus last week, they were also subjected to the return of the blustery cold days of winter. Returning students know there is nothing quite like a winter in Mansfield. It can be beautiful and sunny one day, and freezing cold with blowing snow the next.

MU is not known for closing when the weather is bad. In fact, last year was the first time in 10 years the school closed due to snow. Students are expected to make it to their classes if the professors make it into school. After walking across campus in the sub-zero temperatures, students who live in the dorms expect to find warmth in the refuge of their rooms. Unfortunately, the heating in the dorms this semester isn't exactly what it is supposed to be.

Some of the rooms are like the tropics. It's so hot that you can't even breathe without opening a window. As for sleeping, unless you like to wake up in a puddle of sweat, you better have the windows wide open. Of course, then you get sick from the cold air. Oh, and don't touch the radiators - you'll get a third degree burn.

Other rooms have the exact opposite problem - there is no heat at all. Icicles grow from the end of your nose if you spend too long in these rooms. Frostbite is a definite possibility.

We think that in a university where more than 3,000 students pay thousands of dollars to attend, the least we can expect is regulated heat. Is it really too much to ask to have the rooms be a comfortable 65 to 75 degrees during the winter months?

As more and more snow falls outside, we all have to brave the elements and walk to class. Falls happen. If someone falls down in front of you, don't laugh at them. Ask if they are alright. Odds are, you will be the next one to take a tumble.

Letter to the Editor

Fire alarms must be taken very seriously to avoid the loss of life

Editor, The Flashlight;

A significant factor in the tragedy in the Seton Hall University dorm fire is that most of the residents assumed the 4:30 a.m. alarm was another of 18 false alarms in the building since the school year began. If the students had responded to the alarm immediately, it's possible the loss of life might have been averted, and the injured students could have been safely out of the building before the blaze got to the point where burned victims were inevitable.

Mansfield University dormitories, like Seton Hall, are not equipped with sprinkler systems, having been built before they were required to be installed in public buildings. Since there is no active fire suppression system in place, the only defense for a resident is the early warning of an alarm.

False alarms are a nuisance and it's very tempting to stop responding when the bells ring or to dismiss a fire drill as a useless exercise. But the hard-wired smoke and

heat alarms in each of the MU dorm rooms do no good if they are ignored. When the alarms go off, there is no way of knowing whether it is a prank, a drill or the real thing.

Compare death and significant injury from fire with the initial aggravation and inconvenience when the fire alarms go off. Some of them may be false alarms, but they could also be real. Remember the students of Seton Hall--and get out of the building when the bells ring.

Bernadette Crumb

False alarms no laughing matter, especially in dorms

Staff Editorial
Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, Ill. -- The University of Illinois campus was buzzing with excitement the night before the tragedy. Seton Hall University's basketball team had just beat rival St. John's. But in Boland Hall, one of the university's older residence halls, tragedy struck.

In a six-story dorm of more than 600 people, a fire killed three students, all 18 years old. Five more people are in hospitals; of those, four are in critical condition.

How many of us attend college thinking we have even the slightest chance of being killed in a fire?

Those three Seton Hall freshmen sure didn't. And yet, student residences are just as susceptible to fire as any other residence -- perhaps even more so, considering the number of students with overloaded power bars or neglected fire alarms.

Granted, there were further extenuating circumstances. The building was constructed before sprinklers were mandatory and, maybe even more importantly, many students ignored the fire alarm last week.

Why? There have been 17 false alarms at Seton Hall this year. It is fairly easy to visualize a student -- fed up with the false alarms -- opting to stay in his or her room and finish a paper instead of going

outside.

Fire drills and fire safety advice is routinely ignored by students, including those at the University of Illinois. Last year, for instance, Illini Tower had problems with students setting off false fire alarms.

It is also the responsibility of the University and local landlords to ensure the security of residents.

Investments in fire safety equipment and training would be paid through housing bills by any reasonable student.

Not only is setting off a fire alarm an unoriginal, and for lack of a better word, lame prank, but it's dangerous for everyone involved.

Just because we're in college doesn't mean we're immortal.

JOIN THE FLASHLIGHT!

Laurel hall welcomes its first male tenant

By SHEILA RINERE
Flashlight Writer

Live in Laurel? Need help? Don't be surprised if a male voice answers the phone.

That would be the new graduate assistant Ben Schea.

A native of Chalfont, Schea received his undergraduate degree from Mansfield University, majoring in Secondary Education Social Studies. Schea said he wanted to become a GA to continue his education and to have a new experience.

Schea said his first week as the new GA "is great. The staff in Laurel and the staff in the other dorms are great to work with and are always there to help me out."

Laurel being an all girls dorm might cause a problem for a male GA, considering rules say males cannot go to any of the other floors besides the lobby without a female escort. Schea said it hasn't been a problem for him, and he doesn't believe it will be.

Very friendly and always willing to help a student in need, Schea spent the first

week not only getting to know his position and the building but also meeting the people who work and live in Laurel Manor and the other dorms on campus.



Anji Nolan/THE FLASHLIGHT

Schea, is Laurel's new GA, while he continues his education.

Many girls said it was nice to see him at the first floor meeting. It showed he cared about getting to know the residents and for the residents to get to know him.

A very precise person in the future, Schea said would like to get a teaching job.

If you have a problem feel free to call Schea. He is always willing to help. His number is X4948 and his office is located in the lobby of Laurel Manor.

Ryder, Interrupted

Movie Review
By BREE FLAMMINI
Flashlight Writer

For six years, Winona Ryder (Bram Stoker's Dracula, Heathers) has put her faith in and behind the movie adaptation of Susanna Kaysen's autobiographical national bestseller, "Girl, Interrupted," as the executive producer and star.

Ryder takes the role of Kaysen, fresh from graduating high school and attempting suicide with 50 Tylenol. Instead of attending college, Kaysen's parents decide to send her to Claymore, a psychiatric hospital known for housing some famous faces.

In "Girl...", we join Susanna in her journey to

find out who she is and why she's there. We follow her to her session with a psychiatrist she had never met to the cab ride to the next year of her life.

Although the general plot is to follow Susanna on this journey, the interactions with the other patients prove to be more than enjoyable. Among them, Susanna meets Polly, called Torch, who, using gasoline, lit herself on fire; Georgina, her roommate the pathological liar; Daisy, obsessed with chicken and laxatives, and Lisa, the sociopath played by the fiery Angelina Jolie of independent film fame (The Bone Collector, Gia).

The movie leans towards the "something for everyone" phrase, considering, however, "everyone" is female. There aren't many males in the

movie, and when there are, they play very small roles. Most females, however, can find one character among the group with whom they can relate. Males may find the only appealing part of the movie to be the sexy Jolie.

But those, being male or female, who have an appreciation for fine acting will find the movie to be more than satisfactory with excellent performances from Ryder, Jolie and Whoopi Goldberg, who plays the head nurse who controls the group with a stern kindness.

While the movie isn't "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," Ryder does have a movie of which to be proud.

"Girl, Interrupted" stars Winona Ryder, Angelina Jolie, Whoopi Goldberg and Vanessa Redgrave. Directed by James Mangold (Copland). Genre: Drama. Rated R.



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Decker Gymnasium was filled with fans for the Smouth Mouth/Citizen King concert held December 10.

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Slacker's guide to college

Commentary
By KAREN HOLGATE
Flashlight Writer

Ah, the time has come my friends to bid you adieu. Yes, I am on the verge of graduation. I will soon be entering the real world. The fear is overwhelming. Did I really learn everything I should have? Maybe I should have studied more. What if they find out I'm not really as good as I think I am? But then the excitement about finally entering my chosen career is more than a mere mortal can stand. The sheer joy of getting paid for the things I do here for free. Living in my own apartment. Not having to worry about quiet hours. Being able to stock my fridge with alcohol (and not worry about my RA finding it!). Oh the simple pleasures of life.

However, it occurs to me that when I leave you will be deprived of my wisdom. I have learned many things here over the years. I would like to share with you

some of these things over the course of this, my final semester on campus. Most of you who have been here over the last few years may already know these things. But for those of you who don't know I'd like to save you the experience of learning them the hard way as I did.

First of all: Don't skip classes at the beginning of the semester. Sure they may seem dull and worthless, but you're gonna need those free skips for later in the semester when you desperately need a break from mind numbing drivel. I know it's mighty tempting to take off the first week, but what are you going to do later when you have a killer hangover from St. Paddy's Day?

Another thing, when the Prof tells you there is an open attendance policy for the class. Don't decide that means you only have to show up for tests. Your Prof needs to be able to identify you when it comes time for grading. Make sure they know who you are, it might help raise your grade if you're on the teetering on the edge. Trust me there is a world of difference be-

tween a "D" and a "C".

When trying to con the Prof into accepting your excuse don't be too vague. They're always suspicious if you can't supply details. But don't be too specific or they'll think you rehearsed. It's important to have just the right mix.

If you're really daring you can have an excuse for every occasion. Warning this is not for the faint of heart! Next time you're at the doctors, waiting for an hour and a half, exact a little revenge a borrow one of his note pads. This will work as a get out of free card. Write your own excuse, sign it messy and viola! (Note I personally do not do this and only recommend it in the most desperate situations. The new Adam Sandler movie does not count as desperate.)

Although, to avoid the whole excuse situation you could just show up to class late. You get your sleep-in time and counted in the attendance.

Well, that's enough havoc for now. Stay tuned and I will assist you with other tricky situations and guide the slackers through college.

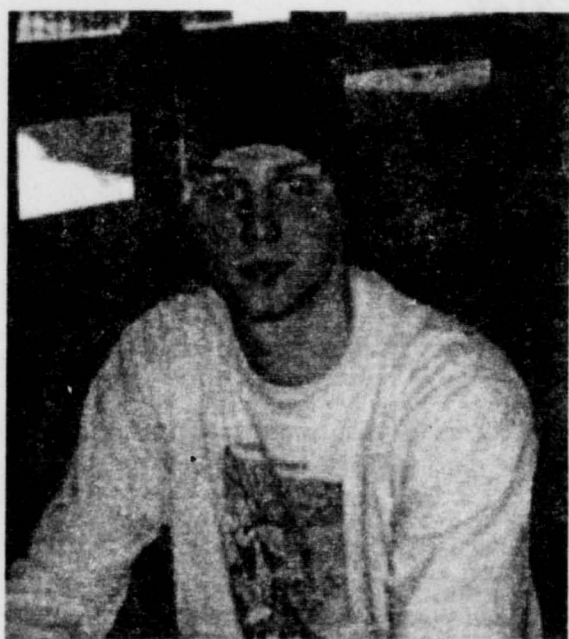
Campus Voices

Each week the feature staff of *The Flashlight* will be hitting the campus and finding out what YOU think.

**How are you keeping warm in snowy
Mansfield this semester?**

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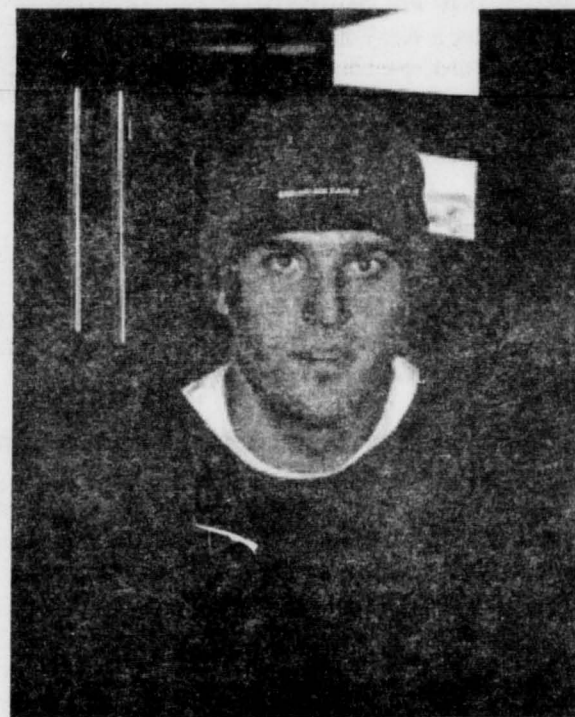
"My mom would be so proud, I stay bundled and dry."
Dan Eskensen, senior,
CJA/psychology



"Staying inside."
Barry Wilkins, freshman,
undecided



"Lots of layers and a room that's about 4,000 degrees."
Sarah Sperling, sopho-
more, theater



"Wearing a hat."
Dave Fitzgerald,
junior, travel and tourism

Welcome back: a freshman perspective

By SHEILA RINERE
Flashlight Writer

Welcome back to another fun-filled semester at Mansfield University. For the many of us who ventured home for break being back on campus can bring back some of the confusion and worries of the first semester. New classes, new professors, and building names you have never even heard can cause your level of anxiety to rise. Don't worry. Instead of being late to class or deciding not to go at all, just ask the people around you.

The students on

campus are really friendly and are always willing to help. Other problems or worries you might come across could be a new floor, a new RA, a change in friends and even a new roommate. After spending the last semester trying to adjust these changes can cause you to wonder how you made it through the last semester. Don't worry. Get out and meet the people on your floor, in your building, in your classes. Back in September I said that getting involved on campus was a great way to meet people and to have fun. That hasn't

changed. It is never too late to get involved. Just like the previous semester and all the semesters before there are many things on campus to do.

Don't be afraid to introduce yourself to people you don't know. College is suppose to be the greatest time of your life. Enjoy it. If you feel you need help don't be afraid to find it. South Hall is a great place to find the help you need with scheduling, school-work and even if you need someone to talk to. The people there are always willing to help you. The

numbers of the different offices can be found in the phone directory.

For others being back might seem like you never left. A return to some of the familiar sites of Mansfield. Mystery meals in Manser, your beloved (or not so loved) floor mates, and having the temperature be so low that you are able to see your breath in your dorm room. (At least in Laurel you could!) This familiarity can help make the adjustment back into the "life of a college student" a bit easier. Don't be

afraid to make new friends and meet new people. Get involved in new organizations. Look for programs being offered in your dorm and on campus. Recruit your friends to join you.

Let the new semester be a new start. Resolve the problems you and your roommate might have had last semester or forgive the girl or boy who lived across the hall from you. The campus is your home away from home, and these people are in a weird way your family. Everyone is trying to do their best. My advice for this semester? Good luck, and don't be afraid to experience new things. It is amazing what you can do if you try.

INFO TO GO

Mark your calendars—HIV/AIDS Testing

Held in Cedarcrest room G7A from 9-11:30 & 1-3 p.m. on January 26.

Scholarships

Applications for MU Scholarships for returning students are available through the Office of Financial Planning, 104 Alumni Hall. Please pick up your application shortly if interested. The scholarship deadline is March 15, 2000.

America Reads

They are looking for students to tutor elementary school students in reading. Both work study and volunteer positions available. Commuter students: there are schools near your homes! An organizational meeting will be held for new and old tutors on Feb. 1 at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Diamond Rio at the Clemens Center

in Elmira, NY on Thurs. January 27 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets on sale by calling the Clemens Center Box Office at 1-800-724-0159. Cost: \$28 and \$24.

FALL 2000 Weekend Events- Mark your calendars

Opening Weekend: August 26-27

Storytelling Festival: September 20-23

1890's Weekend/Parents and Family Day #1: September 29-30

Homecoming: October 7

Fall Break: October 14-17

Fall Foliage Weekend/Parents and Family Day #2: October 21

Attention All Funded Organizations

The Committee on Finance will be holding a budget information meeting in North Dining on Tuesday, February 22 at 7 p.m. If you are a funding organization, you are required to attend this meeting.

Questions? Call Donna at x4930.

Attention All Student Organizations

If you have had any organizational change (esp. in officers) since the fall semester and have not turned them in to the Student Affairs Office, please do so as soon as possible. Info can be sent by e-mail to: dmilicev@mnsfld.edu, or by calling x4930 or you can stop and pick up an annual recognition form at the student affairs office in 516 North Hall.

Dance with the Greeks

Everyone is welcome! Come check is out at 9 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 2 at the Hut for refreshments and prizes! Represented Greek fraternities: Phi Mu Delta, Phi Kappa Sigma, and Sigma Tau Gamma. Represented Greek sororities: Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Sigma Tau, Delta Zeta, and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Questions? Call Justin at x5977.

Public Relations Student Society of America

meets at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Laurel B Lounge. Don't miss this opportunity to use your skills in communication and business in a nationally recognized, pre-professional organization! All majors are welcome!

The Other Side

We're back! Don't miss the first show of the new year! Listen to Giant 89.5 WNTD from midnight to 2 a.m. on Friday nights for techno, industrial, punk, and whatever other weird stuff we have.

Attention All Women of Mansfield University

The sisters of Kappa Phi cordially invite you to RUSH WEEK 2000!! Join us at 9 p.m. tonight for Game Night and tomorrow night for the Rose Tea in Laurel A kitchen. For more information, call Adrianna at x5821.

Club Canada

will be visiting Plattsburg and Montreal. Would you like to meet other students and visit foreign places? Come to an informational meeting on February 3 at 1 p.m. in Belknap 105. Call Darcie at x5222 for information.

Voter Registration

This will be held on Thursday, February 3 in Lower Manser.

Info to go is free to all campus organizations and community members. Its purpose is a public service announcement page — no advertisements will be printed. The Flashlight reserves the right to edit the length of the announcement. Please place your announcements in the Info to go envelope on the door of 217 Memorial Hall or e-mail it to flashlight35@hotmail.com — Please label it "Info to go Announcement" and include a contact person and phone number.

Flashlight Futures

By JENBERLY S. SAPAWA
Flashlight Psychic

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Aquarius ♒ 1/21 - 2/19

I sense that you are in the eyes of a stalker or two. Either invest in camoflaugue or confront these wierdos straight on. Tell them you don't have time for their games and for them to stay away from you.

ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK: start a Pokemon card collection

Pisces ♓ 2/20 - 3/21

Wow! You have really been working hard and it's only the second week of school. Those few shortcuts worked well in class, just don't let them become a habit. But keep talking to those cuties in lower Memorial, true love could be waiting.

ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK: make a snowman that looks like your crush.

Aries ♈ 3/22 - 4/20

You can't be skipping classes already! Realize that your winter break is over and it's time once again to buckle down. Ask one of your friends who has already been putting in valuable library time to help you get focused.

ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK: study

Taurus ♉ 4/21 - 5/21

Throwing another kegger this week? Let your friends in for free and charge that guy who hasn't been returning your calls double. Don't worry, it'll all even out in the end.

ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK: play Nintendo

Gemini ♊ 5/22 - 6/21

Still searching for the perfect internship? Skip turning in your application for the spam factory and opt for something a little more exciting, like advertising for Ruffles, they have ridges now, you know.

ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK: start a pillow fight

Cancer ♋ 6/22 - 7/23

The moon is in the sky. This can only mean one thing for you: it's time to shut down the Internet and get somezzzzz's. Maybe this way you will actually stay awake in your classes.

ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK: make hot chocolate in large quantities

Leo ♌ 7/24 - 8/23

You've recently started a new endeavor. Tired of it already? Don't give up and don't let the elk scare you. Also, the boy of your dreams will admire you for taking an active part in your campus.

ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK: put nacho cheese sauce on your chalupa

Virgo ♍ 8/24 - 9/23

Head home this weekend. Staying on campus will only reek havoc for your personal life. Plus, the snow will not cease and you'll get dorm fever quickly. Run. Run now, before the plows quit.

ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK: try driving with your toes

Libra ♎ 9/24 - 10/23

Don't be embarassed by that nasty fall outside of North Hall. What are you going to do? Ice is the enemy. Next time, jump up and smile. Then start a sing-along. End your routine with a handstand. Everyone will clap for you, instead of laughing.

ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK: sell Kleenex at lunch

Scorpio ♏ 10/24 - 11/22

Stop hiding underneath your heating blanket. Y2K is here and the world did not end. You still have time to make some resolutions and stick by them. Start off by using the rec center even if it is only to gawk at the hotties actually working out.

ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK: begin your autobiography

Sagittarius ♐ 11/23 - 12/22

Take some time off and just relax with your friends. Put in your favorite CD and dance for inspiration. No one will laugh at you, they'll probably join in. Also, order pizza for dinner. All that chinese food has to get tiring.

ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK: do the dishes for your roommates

Capricorn ♑ 12/23 - 1/20

Feeling stressed already? Take out your fun slippers and frolic down the hall. Draw funny faces on the icy windows of your room. Call your long distance sweetie but make it short, your cash flow is low since the holidays.

ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK: keep trying to organize your room and then treat yourself to some Easy Mac

Flashlight SPORTS

New head football coach promises change

By NICOLE CORTESE
Flashlight Writer

The beginning of a new semester, equals new change. Joe Gilbert is beginning the change, by bringing anew attitude and sense of pride to the Mansfield University football program.

Gilbert, a 1983 graduate of Horseheads (N.Y.) High School was recently honored with the challenge of being Mansfield's 20th head football coach in its 109-year history. Gilbert comes to Mansfield from the University of Maine, where for the past six years he recruited outstanding athletes as the offensive coordinator for the Black Bears.

Young blood is not the only quality being introduced to the football program. Gilbert brings a long list of coaching experience. He started his career as a graduate assistant coach at the University of Albany (1987-88), before moving onto the University of Pennsylvania. He spent one year at UPenn before quickly climbing the ladder to Division I-AA Northeastern University (1991-94), and then

Maine.

Gilbert also shares the experience of hard-hitting contact with the players as he was a four-year starter for Hamilton College on the offensive line and the first team All-American honors his senior year. He graduated in 1987.

When you look at his list of credentials, you may wonder "why take a step down to Mansfield?". Gilbert replied, in a recent interview. "I do not look at it as a lower level of football. It is about who is willing to work hard to achieve the goals we set. These guys possess a strong character about themselves, because they keep coming back and carrying 60 men, despite their past seasons."

Gilbert is looking to establish a new attitude in the locker room and within the community. "On Monday night, 60 guys were in the locker room cleaning with mops, buckets, and spray bottles, because we, as a coaching staff, want to return the pride to the program. I want them to take pride in what they have and say thank you for what they receive." He wants

them to become better people and student, as well as, athletes.

Gilbert will enter his first year with a new coaching staff he has put together and is still in the process of finalizing. Mike Cerasuolo, Jim Abbate, and Aaron Brady are just three of the men ready to restructure seen. We will pass more, whether it is long or short. People will see formations they probably have never seen before, but (it will be a) overall a multiple formation and a balanced offense."

Gilbert is enthusiastic about the upcoming season and the goals he feels the team needs to accomplish. He wants his best 11 out on the field at all times. He stated, "If this means some guys will play both, then some will play both, but I want my best 11 who are going to give it their all."

The second goal is to get better everyday! Gilbert explained, "I do not want the guys looking down the road or behind to the past, I want them to take it day by day. If we do this we will improve."

The most important chal-



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New football head coach Joe Gilbert poses with University President John Halstead.

lenge and goal for the season is bringing the team together as a family. "Loyalty, that is what will win games," exclaimed Gilbert!

Gilbert and his staff are anticipating the upcoming season. They are hitting Rochester and Syracuse heavily for recruits

and intend to hammer away at Pennsylvania. They have lost serious recruiting time, but they are not discouraged. Coach Gilbert said, with a smile, "We are going to win, and when we do win it will be an absolute ball to be associated with this place. That's what it's all about!"

Lady Mounties hustle to 3-0 start

By NICOLE CORTESE
Flashlight Writer

Mansfield—When the students of Mansfield University left for a month of relaxation, the women's basketball team stayed for a month of heart-wrenching, non-stop basketball.

Hard work and hustle finally paid off for the Lady Mountaineers, as they stand first in the PSAC East for the first time in school history, with their recent win over Cheyney University.

The new millennium had a victorious beginning for the Lady Mountaineers when they capped their first PSAC East win over East Stroudsburg University followed by a roaring upset over West Chester University.

The Mountie women racked up 10 unanswered points late in the second half of action to clinch a 59-53 win over East Stroudsburg, with Heather Nichols (East Smithfield/Athens) sinking 17 points and pulling down 10 boards. Brandy Lingenfelter (Altoona/Altoona) was credited with sinking the jumper that tied the PSAC play, and a hammering three-point shot by Colleen Doherty (Upper Darby/Upper Darby) gave the lead for good. Nichols retired

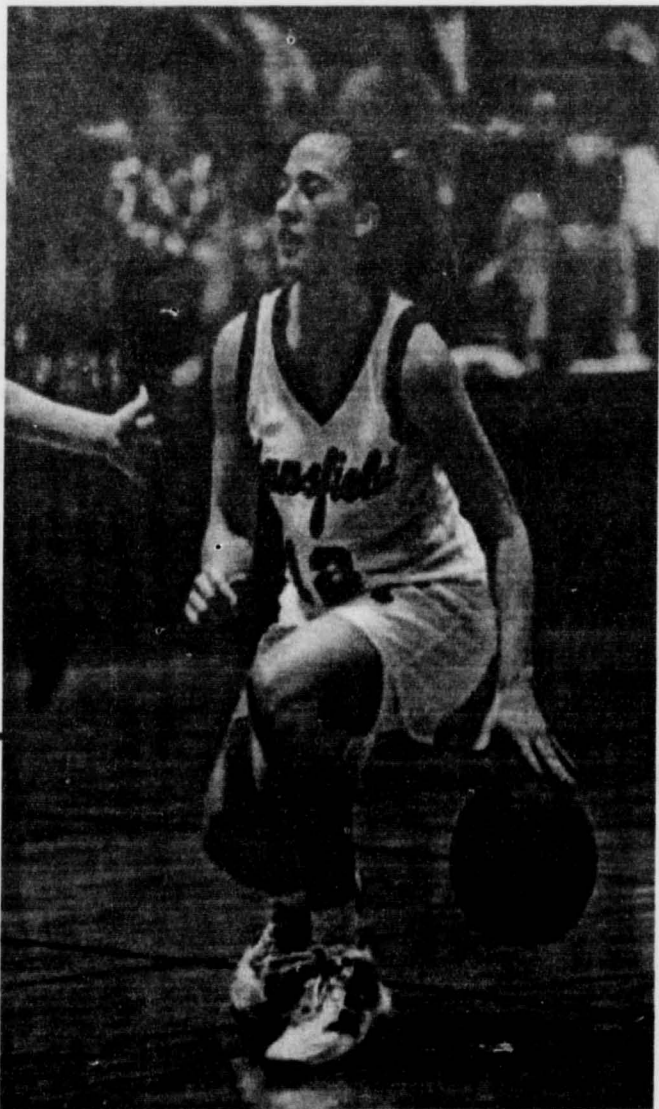


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Jennifer Nichols commands the Lady Mounties offense.

thier first place spot, Mansfield recently had to put Cheyney out of their misery with a 70-56 victory. This win tied Mansfield with Bloomsburg for first place of the PSAC East. Mansfield, minus starter Jennifer Nichols, managed to have three players reaching double figures. Buss once again scored the game high of 16 points followed by freshman Mosley with 14. Heather Nichols made up for her sister's absence with 13 points and 10 boards.

Mansfield will be hiking to Bloomsburg on Wednesday to decide who is the first place team in PSAC East. They will then return home on Saturday to host Millersville University. Saturday's game will also mark the Basketball Center-

ESU with just 59 seconds left, sinking a three-point shot to end the rally.

Mansfield then went on to chalk up win number two against West Chester University. This is the first time in six seasons that the Lady Mountaineers have become "the king of the mountain" with a 66-50 victory. Mansfield led the entire game, and when threatened by a tie, Jennifer Nichols (East Smithfield/Athens) took control, scoring seven points. Electrifying three-pointers followed by Allyson Buss (Nazareth/NotreDame), Tracy Tyler (Altoona/Altoona), and Lynelle Mosley (Media/Penncrest). Twelve Mounties put points on the board, with Buss having a game-high of 16 points, six assists, and three steals. Nichols racked 14 points, and had a team-high of eight boards, with four assists.

In order to secure

Flashlight Sports Trivia Twister
Category: Pro Football

In what city did the Ram's franchise originate from?

See next week's sports section for answers

Super Bowl XXXIV Preview

By DARREN A. DeVoue
Sports Editor

This weekend, Super Bowl XXXIV will pit the Tennessee Titans against the St. Louis Rams. Here's a preview of the teams and how they matchup

Defensive Line: The Rams have a smallish front four led by All-Pro end Kevin Carter. They rely on their speed to make the majority of the plays that they do. The Titans front four are led by the amazing Jevon Kearse. They looked downright fearsome in the win over Jacksonville. The Rams front will be more susceptible to the run than their Titan counterparts will be. And it is no secret that the Titans will run. Advantage-Titans

Linebackers: London Fletcher, Todd Collins, and Mike Jones are a solid threesome against the run. The Rams usually send Fletcher flying into the gaps to plug up running alleys. The Rams' linebacking threesome are not the most adept at covering backs and tight ends, which the Titans regularly throw to. Barron Wortham, Joe Bowden, and Eddie Robinson are versatile, particularly Bowden and Robinson. They can make plays against both the run and the pass. Advantage-Titans

Defensive Secondary: The Rams' cornerback tandem of All-Pro Todd Lyght and Dexter McCleon are tough defenders who make plays when

the ball is thrown at them. Safeties Devin Bush and Billy Jenkins have been solid this season, but usually rest back in a two-deep coverage. The Titans cornerback tandem of Denard Walker and Samari Rolle have gotten better with the progression of the season. Safety Blaine Bishop's play has been stellar in the postseason, while starting free safety Marcus Robinson broke his leg in the AFC Championship game. Backup Anthony Dorsett has good speed and instincts, but lacks Robinson's experience. Advantage-even

Offensive Line: The Titans offensive line is experienced and cohesive led by Pro Bowler Bruce Matthews. They have played together all season with minimal injuries. The Rams offensive line is younger and bigger than their Tennessee counterparts. Led by All-Pro tackle Orlando Pace the Rams offensive line helped clear the way for an explosive offense. Advantage-Titans

Receivers: The speed and depth of the Rams' wideouts is no secret. All-Pro Isaac Bruce and his pass-catching comrades are big-play threats everytime they touch the ball. Tight end Roland Williams feeds off of the attention the wideouts draw by finding spots in the seams. Tennessee does not look to get the ball to their wideouts that often, but Yancey Thigpen and Kevin Dyson are solid receivers. Pro Bowl tight end Frank Wyche is the Titans leading receiving threat. Advantage-Rams

Running Backs: Eddie

George will be Titans' workhorse all season and nothing will be different for the Super Bowl. Tennessee likes to run George between the tackles and get the ball to him with screen passes. George's backups have seen little action this season. Fullback Lorenzo Neal is strictly a blocker. The Rams' Marshall Faulk is a big-play receiver and runner. Faulk's backup, Amp Lee is a poor man's version of the starter. Fullback Robert Holcombe is the former starter at running back and possesses running and receiving skills. Advantage-Rams

Quarterbacks: Kurt Warner's remarkable season is at an end, win or lose. The Rams' starter is good at getting rid of the ball on the three-step drop. However, such throws are susceptible to being batted by lineman. That happened to Warner against Tampa Bay, which is why Warner kept overthrowing receivers. However, Warner is a quick decision maker who rarely allows himself to be sacked. Titan's QB Steve McNair is a better thrower than the Tennessee conservative offense allows him to be, but his biggest weapon against opposing NFL defenses have been his legs. St. Louis must account for McNair in their pass coverage or he will burn them just as he has other teams. Advantage-Rams

Coaching: Jeff

Fisher is obviously hungry and has his Titans believing that this is their time. His defensive philosophy has disrupted the rhythm of the league's best offenses all season. The Rams' Dick Vermeil has been here as a coach be-

Tampa Bay and might still be licking their wounds. The Super Bowl will be played in an environment much like the Rams' home stadium (a dome with turf playing surface). Both teams have dedicated fans who will probably flock

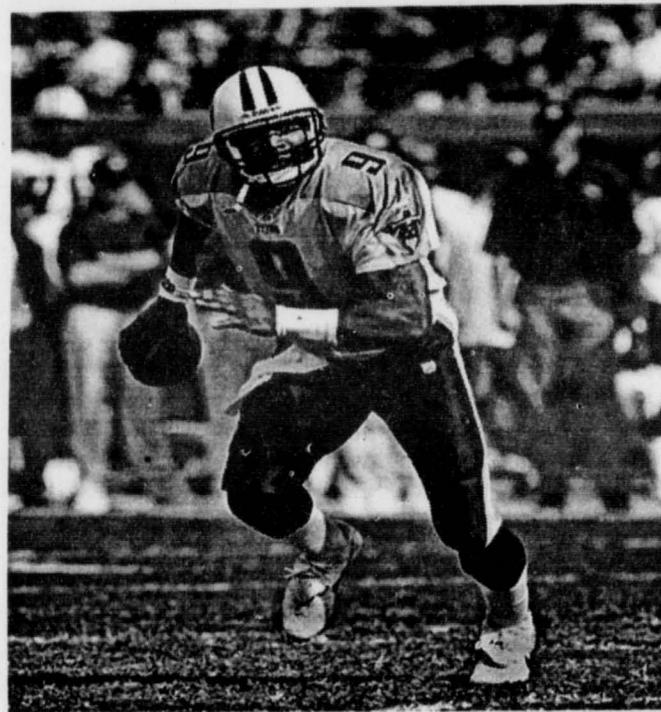


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fore as have some of his assistants. Vermeil is hungry also and unlike Fisher has had much more time to ponder a return trip to the Super Bowl. Advantage-Rams

Intangibles: The Titans confidence is unwavering right now, and they were the first team to defeat St. Louis. The Rams are coming off a tough physical win over

to Atlanta in droves. Advantage-even

This is probably the most mysterious Super Bowl in recent memory. There is no clear-cut favorite to emerge victorious. The Titans are a mind-boggling seven point underdogs, but do not be surprised to see them pull off the upset if they limit the Rams' big plays the way Tampa Bay did. Winner: Tennessee 17-14.



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Mounties reeling from 3 game losing skid Off to a running start

By DARREN A. DeVOUE
Sports Editor

After an 8-0 run to start the season, the Mansfield University Men's basketball team finds itself 2-6 since, including a three game losing skid. The Mounties started their Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East schedule, playing host to East Stroudsburg. MU was victorious scoring an 89-85 win over the Warriors. Damoun Lopez led 6 Mounties in double figures with 18 points.

MU then welcomed the West Chester Rams into town. Mansfield scored 25 points in the first half; a season low for the Mounties enroute to a 70-81 loss. MU also shot 1-16 from beyond the 3-point arc. West Chester scorched the Decker Gymnasium nets to the tune of 63 percent as a team, which usually is bad news for an opponent. Demontric Doodles led MU with 19 points.

The Edinboro Scots were next on the Mountie menu. Edinboro dominated the first half, shooting 65 percent from the field as a team on the way to a 51-35 lead at

the break. Edinboro rode their halftime advantage to a 85-96 victory over MU. Tommy Harvey led the Mounties tallying 18 points, while forward Alex Goodman snagged an MU season high 15 rebounds.

This past Saturday, the Mounties travelled to Cheney University to do battle with the Wolves. The Mounties turned in a solid effort in a gym that is notoriously hard to play in, but still fell short 81-82. Mansfield won the battle of the boards 40-33. Cheney countered by getting 24 free throw attempts to the Mounties 12. Tommy Harvey led MU with 23 points while Alex Goodman recorded 11 rebounds.

The past three teams that the Mounties have faced were ranked in the top ten in the Division II East Regional Poll which is a testament that MU is entering the proverbial meat of its schedule. The first thing that the Mounties must do is stop the easy baskets. The Mounties are allowing opponents to shoot a 60 percent clip from the field. That is far too great a number for a team attempting to compete for the PSAC title. The Mounties must restrict opposing guards from getting into the teeth of

their defense, and finding their teammates for easy scores. Next the Mounties must surge on the boards. Alex Goodman has stepped up his rebounding effort over the past three games, averaging 11 per game. However, MU has had only three double-figure rebounding performances all season. They must especially crash the offensive boards if the outside shots are not falling. And lastly, the fans that will inhabit Decker Gymnasium for the Mounties remaining home games must provide the Mounties with a homecourt advantage. That means noise, and lots of it. Lower Manser must lose its title as the loudest spot on campus if the MU men's team is to reach the post-season. Although MU is 1-3 in conference play, they are only two games out of first place.

This upcoming week the Mounties will travel to nearby Bloomsburg University. This game is key for MU as Bloomsburg is tied for first place in the PSAC East standings; tip-off is set for 8 p.m. This Saturday the Mounties will host Millersville with a 3 p.m. tip-off.

Special to the Flashlight

Lamar Crawford lost out on a first place finish in the high jump with more misses and finished fourth in the triple jump to lead the Mansfield University men's indoor track team to a seventh place finish at the Kutztown University Dolphin Indoor Track Invitational.

Crawford's leap of 6-2 tied for the highest leap, but he lost on more misses in the

high jump while his leap of 41-5 was good for fourth place in the triple jump.

Kyle Kinter was fourth in the 55 meter dash with a time of 6.85.

The women earned 4.5 points for a tenth place finish. Theresa Stanford was fifth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:45.2, while Allicia Davinsizer was sixth in the high jump at 4-11.

All- Pro Thomas paralyzed

Special to the Flashlight

LIBERTY, Mo.- Derrick Thomas, one of the top pass rushers in NFL history, has a broken neck and back and might never walk again.

The Kansas City Chiefs linebacker has paralyzed legs following a car crash Sunday on an icy road in which his friend Mike Tellis of Kansas City, Kan., was killed. Thomas and Tellis were not wearing seat

belts and were thrown from the car, police said.

A third man in the car was wearing his seat belt and was treated and released.

Thomas has use of his arms and upper chest, and doctors held out hope he might fully recover. Doctors said the 33-year-old player faces extensive rehabilitation and probably will have surgery.

Thomas owns the NFL record for sacks in a game with nine.

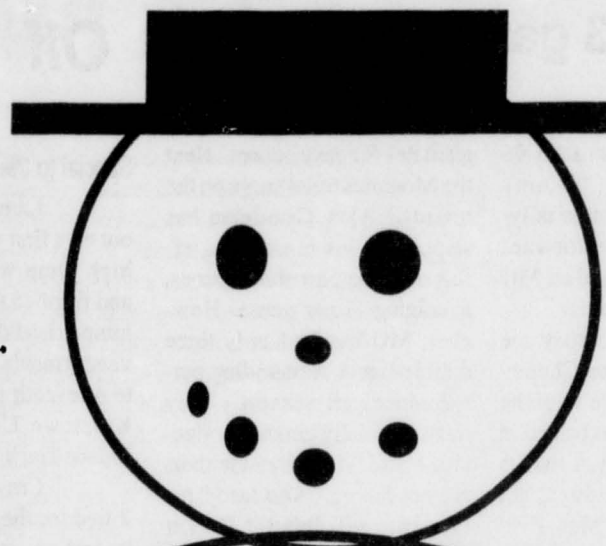
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Mahalia opens Arts Festival

By SHEILA RINERE

Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University Fine Arts Committee presents the gospel musical *Mahalia* at 8 p.m. today in Steadman Theatre.

Mahalia is a musical about Mahalia Jackson, a woman who was inspirational to others both through music and her good works. Jackson was considered by many people to be the greatest gospel singer of all-time. Mahalia portrays her life starting from when she was growing up living in a world of discrimination and prejudice in New Orleans to a point where she was rich and famous,

performing for both presidents and royalty alike.

Chaundra Cameron portrays Mahalia Jackson in the production by bringing the character to life. A performer in many Broadway productions Cameron leads the sensational cast of Daniel Burghardt, Sharlene Nelson, and Don Corey Washington. The production has enchanted audiences nationwide.

Tickets are available at the box office and free to Mansfield University students, faculty, and staff and are \$5 to all others..

MU celebrates African-American Arts

By CATHY WARNER
Flashlight Writer

Guess who the whole month of February is dedicated too? No, not just cupid. If you guessed African Americans, you're right! The whole month of February is dedicated to these wonderful people in today's society, and Mansfield is doing their part in bringing this celebration to you! Below is a list of events going on around campus:

FILM:
"She's Gotta Have It"

Saturday, Feb. 12, at 2:00 p.m. in Allen Lecture Hall. Spike Lee's first feature film focuses on Nola Darling, a young independent woman pursued by three different lovers.

"Down on the Delta", at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12 in Allen Lecture Hall. Maya Angelou's directorial debut stars Alfre Woodard as an unemployed, unmarried mother of two whose life un-

expectedly changes during a summer visit to her family down south.

"Daughters of the Dust", 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17 in Allen Lecture Hall. Julie Dash's critically acclaimed film uses compelling beautiful imagery to tell the story of the Gullah-descendants of slaves who have preserved their West African cultural beliefs and practices.

MUSIC AND DANCE:

The Drummers of West Africa will perform at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Clemens Center in Elmira. Round-trip bus and concert tickets are \$5 for stu-

dents. Register in 209 Memorial.

The Nommo Dance Group from Penn State University will perform at 6 p.m. on Feb. 18 in Steadman Auditorium.

LECTURES:

Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad presentation at the Warren L. Miller Elementary School on Feb. 14. Call 662-4500 for details.

History of African-American Women Artists lecture by Dr. Joanne McGee, and

display of African Art by Angela Nivaneri will be held at 6 p.m. on Feb. 15 in Allen Hall, Room 111.

CULTURE FAIR:

From 6 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 16, a Culture Fair will be held in room 111 in Allen Hall.

Taste various soul foods, artist demonstrations, paintings, weaving, dancing, ceramics, singing, hair braiding, and mosaics.

Phil makes his yearly prediction

By KIMBERLY SAPONE
Editor-In-Chief

One of the most popular weather forecasters in the world made his prediction for the rest of the winter at 7 a.m. this morning. Today is the day that Punxsutawney Phil, the world's most famous groundhog, looks for his shadow.

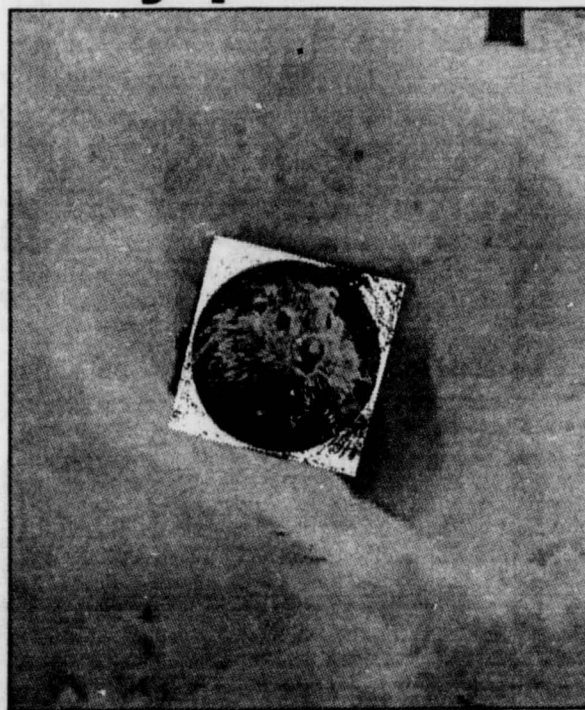
Each February 2, hundreds of people gather at Gobbler's Knob, just outside of Punxsutawney, PA. People who live in Punxsutawney say Phil has never been wrong.

The legend of Groundhog Day is based on a Scottish Couplet which says, "If Candlemas Day is bright and clear, there'll be two winters in the year."

Phil's prediction for the rest of the winter was first made public in 1966, however, the event was held in secret since 1887.

Media from around the nation flock to Punxsutawney each year to watch Phil's predictions. Phil, who is kept in an electronically heated burrow until 7 a.m., looks for his shadow, and then tells a Groundhog Club representative in "groundhogese" how much longer winter will be.

If Phil sees his shadow, which he does approximately 90 percent of the time, there are six more weeks of winter left. If Phil does not see his shadow, spring is right around the corner.



Carl D. Madonna/FLASHLIGHT illustration

If Phil sees his shadow today, six more weeks of winter will be in store for the Northern Tier and the rest of the country.

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Forensic Team places third at Carousel Classic

By Daniel Amidon
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University forensic team competed in the annual SUNY Binghamton Southern Tier Classic tournament this past weekend. Mansfield placed 3rd overall of 12 teams, only missing 2nd place George Mason University by five points! Cornell University took 1st place.

The team also

won the Binghamton traveling trophy, an award achieved from a cumulative point system based on consistent winning performances in the Southern Tier Classic over recent seasons as well as this season. Past holders of the traveling trophy include Cornell, Hofstra University, Seton Hall, and St. Joseph's. This trophy is currently on display in President Halstead's office.

The team took

home 19 awards this tournament in addition to their 66 awards from the fall portion of the season. In the Pentathlon event, which includes the best performers of the tournament, Darren DeVoe took 3rd place. In addition, Darren placed: 1st in Poetry, 2nd in Dramatic Interpretation, 1st in improvisational pairs (an event with a partner from a competing school), and 4th with Carl Madonna in Dramatic Duo.

Carl Madonna took

2nd place in Persuasive Speaking, 3rd in Improvisational Pairs, 4th in Dramatic Duo with Darren DeVoe and 6th in Dramatic Duo with Kari Weller. Ja'Nell Natson placed 6th in Dramatic Interpretation, and 6th Prose. Heather Borden placed in Informative Speaking and Schlock Extemp. Karen Holgate placed 5th in Dramatic Interpretation, 2nd place in Improv Pairs and she placed in Prose Inter-

pretation. The team took 3 of 6 awards for Dramatic Interpretation and 4 of 6 awards for Improvisational Pairs.

The next tournament will be at Geneva College, in the Pittsburgh area on February 12th-13th. The State championships will be in Grove City on February 17th-20th. At that tournament Dr. Sharon Carrish, the team's coach, will be active as she is the president of the Pennsylvania State Individual Events Association.

It's lights out for dorms

By REBECCA SEAMANS
Flashlight Writer

If students woke up after 9:45 a.m. this past Saturday, they probably saw the clock flashing "12:00." At nine o'clock Saturday morning, the first in a series of planned power outages for the infrastructure project took place.

The original date for this outage was January 22. Due to the frigid cold temperature that day, the plans were postponed a week. This was to prevent the water in the dorm heating units from freezing. Larry Clark, Director of Construction, commented, "waiting an extra week also gave the crew more time to anticipate

potential problems with the outage."

This outage lasting about 45 minutes, was a high-voltage switch, so the crew had to be extremely cautious. The next outage will be on February 13 beginning at 8 a.m. and lasting approximately four hours.

All these outages will result in more reliable electrical power and make the campus more environmentally friendly. "The liquid that is being replaced, PCB (polychlorinated biphenols), was an excellent material, but it is no longer used because it is considered to create pollution in streams if it leaks.

There have been no leaks yet, but we are removing it before that occurs," stated Clark.

Not all of the campus buildings were affected. The unaffected buildings included Cedar Crest Manor, the President's house, Alumni house, and Beecher House. Other electrical sources that remained intact were the street lights, the lights in the parking lot telephone booths, the water treatment plants, and the field hockey and baseball fields.

Future power outage precautions would be to unplug such things as computers and televisions. For questions concerning the outages, contact Larry Clark at ext. 4906.

WNTE sets higher standards

By Daniel Amidon
Flashlight Writer

Giant 89.5 has been sounding a lot better these days. This is largely due to a host of new equipment, with a new broadcasting board being the most noticeable. Also purchased were two new cart machines and a cart recorder

studio. Improvements to the transmitter have been made as well. An Optimod, which improves broadcast quality and clarity was purchased. An exciter, which amplifies the signal to our tower, also was needed.

Programming Director Timothy Shaal explains, "the main justification for the



Anji Nolan/FLASHLIGHT

Missy Falls cues up a cart on her weekly show.

which are used for legal I.D.'s, rotation music, and public service announcements. Two new compact disc players have also been added to the

new equipment was to keep the station at a high on-air quality and maintain operational ability", since most of the replaced

Police Beat

Deviate behavior

A student reported to Mansfield Police Jan. 28 she was the victim of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse. The incident, according to the police report, happened Aug. 31, 1999 at Memorial Hall.

According to the police report, the

victim said the suspect is known to her. He has been identified to police.

Investigation continues.

Harassment

A staff member in Memorial Hall reported receiving harassing e-mail Jan. 23. Campus police are investigating.

Skywatch Weather

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College video contest

By Maria Valenzano
Flashlight Writer

Are you getting tired of never having enough money in your MAC account to make it through the tough times here at Mansfield? Instead of day dreaming about winning the lottery you should put your creative mind to work. Try something different and enter The Christopher's 13th annual video contest for college students. The top three prizes include cash awards of \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000.

This year the contest theme is, "One Person Can Make a Difference." You can choose what fits your style to interpret the theme. Winners in the past have used poetry, drama, comedy, documentary, news format, music videos and even animation. The winning videos will be showcased on Christopher Closeup, a syndicated television program that reaches millions of people in the U.S. and 166 other countries.

To enter this contest you must follow the following

rules: 1. You must be attending college classes at a undergraduate or graduate level. 2. You must have completed and official entry form. 3. Submit your film on VHS cassette only. 4. Keep the film five minutes in length or less.

All entries will be judged by a panel of representatives from the media, academia and the Christopher's Board of Directors. Entries will be judged on content, ability to capture the theme and artistic and technical proficiency.

For more information and to pick up official entry forms from the Media or Communications Department, check the website at www.christophers.org/vidcon2k.html. Or you could write to The College Video Contest and Christopher's, 12 East 48th Street, New York, NY, 10017. If you have specific questions that need detailed responses, you could call the organization at 212-795-4050.

Remember, all entries must be received by June 16, 2000. The winners will be notified on September 8, 2000.

Student Government Association minutes

By LIZ VISOTSKI
Flashlight Writer

At 9:04 Monday evening the Student Government Association was called together for their weekly meeting. Officer and committees reported to the group on the whole to bring the convened body up-to-date on their recent activities. Reports included notification from the time capsule,

steering, and parking committees, as well as University Senate. There was a request that SGA look into hosting a Dance-A-Thon to support the Children's Miracle Network. An open meeting on Friday in North Hall to discuss the plans.

The University Senate report included the announcement that Germonotolgy has been added as a minor, along with a new class,

SWK 320- Issues in Germentology.

The committee on parking has plans to increase the parking permit rate to \$15 for commuters and \$20 for residents. The extra revenue generated will be used to repave East Lot and to hopefully build a bus shelter and install a phone.

SGA members will be holding open office hours in 214 Memorial as an attempt to make them more accessible to the student population. Currently there are five positions open in the Senate for interested students.

Several students need to be selected to sit and help with Middle States Accreditation. This

is a process that takes place every 10 years and examines 16 criteria pertaining to the University. The process will take two years to complete and will help the university to continue its move into the new century.

SGA will be meeting again Monday, February 7th at 9pm in Memorial 204.

MU choir shines

Special to the Flashlight

the Hyatt Regency Ballroom.

The Mansfield University Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Peggy Dettwiler, will perform at the American Choral Directors Association Eastern Division Convention on February 16-17 in Baltimore, Maryland. The choir is one of two university choirs from the 12 state eastern division invited to perform. Approximately 800 choral directors from the region will attend.

The Concert Choir will present two performances. On Wednesday, February 16, they will perform at the St. Thomas More Catholic Church. The choir's convention performance will be held on Thursday, February 17th in

The Choir's program will include selections from the Renaissance to the 20th Century, from the motet to the spiritual. Performing in four different languages, the Choir will present works by Sweelinck, Bach, Hogan, Gavilan, Wehi, Ellington and others. The featured selection is a powerfully expressive composition by Norman Dinerstein.

An ensemble of forty eight singers, The MU Concert Choir has achieved a reputation of excellence, having been invited to perform at state, regional, national, or international choral conventions. The choir toured Europe in 1996 and in 1999. The MU Choir also has produced two compact disc recordings.

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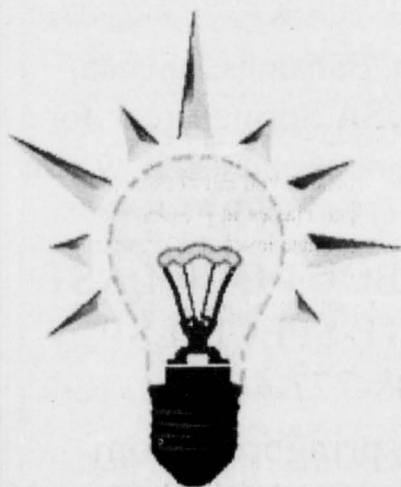
The Student Government Association (SGA)

is pleased to announce that they **currently have five vacancies for Student Senator Positions.**

These positions must be filled at our meeting on Monday, Feb. 14. Interested persons should attend our meeting at 9 p.m. on Monday nights, see any member of the Senate or call our office at x4984.

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Allen Lecture Hall

Presenter: Gary Tuerack, Internationally known speaker and author

Budgeting 101

6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 16
Cedarcrest Rec Room

Presenter: Margaret Delmonico, Administrator of Speakers Bureau - P.S.E.C.U.

Note Taking, Study Skills

6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Thursday, February 17
Pinecrest Rec Room

Presenter: Robert Everett, Mansfield University student

Campus Offices and Other Resources

6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Tuesday, February 22
Cedarcrest Rec Room

Presenter: Joe Miller, Assistant Director of Residence Life

Student Union near completion

By BERNADETTE CRUMB
Flashlight Writer

Work on the new Student Union facility continued over the winter break, and returning students can see visible changes to the structure of Alumni Hall. Air conditioning units were hoisted to the roof and installed prior to class start up, a decorative brick wall surface was added to the north side of Alumni Hall and a delivery of glass for the banks of windows arrived last week.

The projected completion of the renovation is mid-spring semester. Tom Johnson of the Student Activities Office said work was proceeding on schedule despite the bad weather and ongoing accumulation of snow. "They are putting in the framework for the glass and hope to have the glass up by the end of next week," Johnson said.

The center for student gatherings and recreation, will have two main floors with mezzanines. As students enter the main entrance off of the South Hall Mall, they will enter a foyer leading to a wide corridor that extends the length of the building, nicknamed "The Street."

The new Campus Bookstore will fill a large section of main floor with their general sales area. Donna Casselberry, manager of the Campus Bookstore, said there will also be a seating area and they will be adding a tradebook section to provide more paperbacks and reference materials to the students. The mezzanine above, reached by a dogleg staircase in the center of the bookstore, will provide space

for textbook sales. Not connected to the upper bookstore level, but sharing the mezzanine, will be the new Flashlight office and newsroom. On the opposite side of "The Street," ARA will run a new food service facility, which will be in addition to the existing food service outlets on campus. According to Director of Food Service Kerry McGuire, the eatery has not been officially named yet.

The menu focus of the dining area will be mainly sandwiches, soups, baked goods and beverages; an expanded variation of the "grab it and go" service found in the Mountie Den. The selections will be more specialized than the standard sub sandwiches, taking advantage of old world style breads and ethnic flavors. Menu names for specific sandwiches will be selected from some of the submissions for the name contest, others will reflect sites on campus and in the surrounding area, McGuire said.

Additional features of the fully handicapped-accessible Student Union will include a television lounge, lockers for commuter students, an ATM connected with the Pennsylvania State Employee Credit Union, restrooms on both the main and upper levels, and two elevators.

Johnson added, in the light of recent fires at university campuses across the nation, that a state-of-the-art fire alarm system is being installed, and the facility will be completely non-smoking, Johnson said.

Scattered storms hit Mansfield

By BERNADETTE CRUMB
Flashlight Writer

While Mansfield University students grumbled about slipping on Cardiac Hill and trudged through powdery drifts and wet slush, continuing light snowfall over the week-end and on Monday morning brought out the plows and cinder trucks once more. The Grounds and Buildings staff were busy shoveling and plowing the sidewalks and streets of the campus while elsewhere, the southeastern United States recovered from another onslaught of unusually cold and snowy weather.

The custodial staff was kept busy dealing with melting snow tracked into the buildings, but the university remained open throughout the bad weather, and classes went on.

Last week, a storm system moved up the eastern seaboard, dumping masses of snow from Georgia to Maine. Barely recovered from the nor'easter, snowbound communities were hit again over the weekend when an ice storm moved through on Sunday, adding significantly to the layers of ice and snow that paralyzed the southeast. According to the Weather Channel, yet another storm is gearing up over the west-

ern portion of the nation that may add to the winter woes as it moves east.

In North and South Carolina, an estimated 50,000 people were without electrical power or telephone service again on Sunday, after coping with days of outages due to the record snowfall.

Depths of up to two feet were reported in North Carolina prior to Sunday's ice storm. In Virginia, sleet and freezing rain on top of the snow from the previous storm led to one reported death, and 200,000 people without electrical power. Monday, in Washington, D.C., the Federal Government allowed employees to delay arrival at work or to take an unpaid leave day and schools were closed, due to the weather and road conditions, while hundreds of trucks spread salt on icy streets.

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All letters can be sent to 217 Memorial Hall, or emailed to flashlit@mnsfld.edu. If you are interested in joining the Flashlight staff, call 662-4986 and leave a message for the news editor with your name and phone number where you can be reached.

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Editorial

Students of Mansfield University - where are you? The complaint that is heard the most on this campus is, "There's nothing to do." Well, we at the Flashlight, tried to give you something to do last week - we held a snowman building contest for the entire campus with the prize for the best snowman was dinner for two at Mark's Brothers. A nice meal alternative for those of you who are sick of Manser.

Not one snowman was built. Not even one. So, again we ask - where are you, students of MU?

If you want to get involved, there are more than a hundred different organizations on campus. There are even more activities hosted by these organizations which are open to the entire campus. However, they won't come to you - you have to go out and find them. If you aren't willing to try to find something, then don't complain about there being nothing to do.

Commentary

Students should use voting power to make their voices heard

By GINA PORRI

The Daily Campus (U. Connecticut)

(U-WIRE) STORRS, Conn. -- College students need to rock the vote. Seriously. We do.

I was truly disappointed when I heard the reactions of students this November while university groups were attempting to recruit voters in time for the local elections. I can understand a reluctance to vote based on insufficient knowledge of candidates and issues.

But failing to register simply because you can't decide on a party affiliation is no better than a cop-out. Yes, I know none of us asked to be born into a democracy, but here we are.

So why is voting so extraordinarily unimportant to the people of this country? You'd better believe that if our right to vote was taken away, everyone and his/her grandmother would be storming the White House.

Fortunately, we can vote; yet no one seems to value that privilege. Let's not forget that the original Constitution only granted the right to vote to free white male citizens. Everyone else had to fight long and hard to get it - the Civil Rights and Women's suffrage movements are not far in the past. Those activists didn't dedicate their lives to nothing; did they know something we don't?

I think people have forgotten how much power there is in the vote. The Man may seem like a daunting force, but in the end he needs the support of the voters to stay where he is. The only reason issues that concern our generation are not addressed is that we do not wield our voting power.

Let's face it, politicians do not respect college students as a voting class. We have no one to blame for that but ourselves. Each and every one of us that does not go to the booths weakens our credibility and makes the concerns of the senior citizens more important, because they do vote, believe me.

As I previously stated, I know that being an uneducated voter is a legitimate concern. Notice that I said "concern" and not "excuse." If you have the time to drop everything and watch "Friends" or play "Goldeneye," then you have the time to educate yourself sufficiently for the presidential primaries that begin next month.

The best way to obtain first-hand knowledge is to watch the debates on TV. If that is impossible, any local paper will be covering the election campaign in detail.

I refer you to Jonathan McMurry's informative column in the Jan. 27 edition of this paper. A convenient source for many is MTV's "Choose or Lose" campaign, that they advertise as including "issue-orientated news specials, candidate interviews, concerts, grass-roots registration events, on-line components and coverage of the primary season and party conventions."

Of the many on-line news resources, I personally recommend Yahoo Full Coverage at <http://fullcoverage.yahoo.com/FullCoverage/US/PresidentialElection2000> because it includes articles from various national publications.

And I encourage all of you to talk about election issues with your professors, friends that are political science majors and anyone else you think would be knowledgeable.

Essentially, it's important that we all get in the habit of following election campaigns while we're young. Issues will only become more important as we move into life-long careers and take on more financial responsibilities. Voting is a very basic but incredibly vital way of ensuring that you will have more power to make positive changes. You'll feel good about it, I promise.

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Campus officer back on the beat

By MARIA VALENZANO
Flashlight Writer

Officer Charles Flagherty of the Mansfield University Police department is back on the beat after suffering a life-threatening illness. Flagherty was diagnosed with acute promylosidic leukemia on July 16, 1999. He had only been feeling sick for two weeks prior to this.

Given only a week to live, he did not give up hope. He immediately underwent four rounds of extensive chemotherapy. These treatments lasted seven days with a thirty-five day recovery period after every round.

Throughout his illness, the people here at Mansfield University were very giving and understanding. His co-workers at the Police Station raised money, along with his family and friends in Boston to help him and his family through his illness. His sister, Keri, was also a big help. He said, "If you were ever wrongly accused of anything



Carl Madonna/THE FLASHLIGHT

Officer Flagherty is back after an amazing recovery due to the promylosidic leukemia fighting drug called transretinoic acid, and a lot of love and support.

you would want her on your side." She did not give up hope and neither did Flagherty.

Flagherty is currently in remission and until this week he had to have blood samples taken twice a week. Now after his amazing recovery he will

have to have his blood checked once a month with a doctor check-up every three months. He is currently taking one drug, the only drug that works, transretinoic acid, which is a derivative of vitamin A.

Today Officer Flagherty is in remission, looking great and feeling fantastic. He was approved by Social Security for one-hundred percent disability, but he turned it down to come back to work. Flagherty said, "I returned back to work on January, 8th and I have not missed a beat."

Flagherty fought through the toughest battle of his life and he succeeded. To look at this man today you would have never guessed he was ill. It takes a strong, brave man, but it also determined man to fight this illness and win like he did.

Fraternity rush week starts Sunday

Greeks seek new members

Special to *The Flashlight*

For more than 200 years, millions of men and women at colleges and universities across the country and the world have found fraternities and sororities to be of immense personal value. Rush is the period of time during which members of Greek Letter Organizations recruit and select new members. Similarly, it is a time for potential members to select the groups to which they might like to belong as well. Rush is a great opportunity for interested students to "Meet the Greeks." There is no pressure; just a chance to meet other people at a time when incoming students feel as if they know no one. Students are also invited to an array of fun events each night.

Mansfield University's Rush Week for Sig Tau Gamma, Phi Kappa Sigma and Phi Mu Delta is from Sunday until Feb. 11. "Check out the greeks on campus and be a part of something you will never forget! Experience Rush Week at MU," said Justin May, the Vice-President of the Inter-fraternity Council.

For more information, call Gregg at 662-0274 for Sig Tau Gamma, Stan at 513-0516 for Phi Kappa Sigma and Tom at 513-0584 for Phi Mu Delta.

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McCarthy takes her third stab at acting in "Scream 3"

By MATTHEW BARRET
Michigan Daily
(U. Michigan)

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. -- Jenny McCarthy is known for a variety of things ranging from her Playboy days to her hosting job on "Singed Out" to "Jenny," her short-lived sitcom. Her acting in movies is not one of them. Until now.

After taking some time off, McCarthy is back on the scene with roles in two upcoming movies. "I kind of took a break for about a year and a half. I thought it was a good idea after my rollercoaster of three years working non-stop. I kind of wanted to regroup and wait for the next right thing to do. And when the right thing did come along, which was 'Diamonds,' I jumped on it. And then following right after that was 'Scream 3,'" McCarthy said.

For McCarthy, a long-time fan of the first two "Scream" films, the chance to be a part of the much-hyped third installment was a thrilling opportunity too good to pass up.

"I was so excited. I remember when the first 'Scream' came out and I thought 'Why the hell am I not in that?' Because it

was always meant to be a trilogy, this is for sure the last one. Spoken from God, mind you. So I'm glad I caught it, I'm glad I'm in the last one," McCarthy said.

"Scream 3" also afforded the actress the opportunity to work with Wes Craven, director of the film. It seems that Craven is not quite as fierce in person as the films that he directs.

"Wes blew my mind in terms of what my thoughts were about him before I even came on set," McCarthy said. "I thought he was going to be a typical harsh, hard director and he was the sweetest, shyest man I've ever met. Anything but scary. He's got a mind of his own and a great eye for the camera and how to move it."

Very little information regarding "Scream 3" has been released to the general public, and McCarthy said this secrecy carried over to film's set.

"It was so confidential that none of the actors had a full script, we only had our pages. I honestly do not know what the movie's about, I don't even know who the killer is. It's going to be just as much a surprise to me as it is to the public, which makes it even more fun. The word's not out, people don't know, it's a big mystery and I like that," McCarthy said.

However, we do know that McCarthy plays Sarah Darling, a longtime

actress who's struggling to be taken more seriously. This is something McCarthy can relate to and she her time away from acting.

"I thought it would be really smart to show a little bit of a dramatic side to show that I am capable of doing it, just so I have the opportunities of both," McCarthy said. "For instance if I could have the career of Robin Williams, who's able to make people laugh in comedies and then also make them cry in dramas, I would be the happiest woman."

This fall, McCarthy is set to give television another stab with a new series on Fox. And while she doesn't have the details ironed out, she has some ideas of where she'd like to see the show go. "I'm not quite sure what show I'm doing yet, but I would like to show other sides, almost an 'Ally McBeal' type of show where I could get away with serious stuff but also have that comedic Jennyness to it," McCarthy added.

McCarthy also has some advice for students in college - the degree is key. "(A college education) is so important. I'm so kind of bummed that I didn't graduate. I feel like I still missed out on something. The two years that I was in college were probably the most influential to me. I think it's very important to make sure you get that degree."

Campus Voices

Each week the feature staff of *The Flashlight* will be hitting the campus and finding out what YOU think.

Whether you love them or whether you hate them, everyone's got an opinion. And we know you've hummed along, don't try to deny it. So, which do you prefer: N'Sync or the Backstreet Boys?, Britney Spears or Christina Aguilera?, and Ricky Martin or Enrique Iglesias?

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"N'Sync, Christina, and Enrique. Enrique was a tough choice because they both really suck. Britney vs. Christina was hard too because they're both fun. N'Sync is better than the Backstreet Boys because you should join HBT, the co-ed fine arts fraternity." Andrew Jarvis, junior, psychology

"98 degrees, boob job?, and Ricky Martin because he's already my husband." Cecilia Collazo, sophomore, business



"Dave Matthew's Band, Dave Matthew's Band, Dave Matthew's Band. Because I like them." DeSalle Fratarcangeli, junior, dietetics/sports nutrition

"Backstreet Boys, pancakes, and The Rock. Because the Backstreet Boys like pancakes and The Rock is no jabroni." Pat McAndrew, junior, business



English prof returns to MU

Koloski spent last semester at Volgograd State University in Russia, along with his wife, daughter and five MU students.

By CATHY LEE WARNER
Flashlight Writer

Dr. Bernie Koloski, his wife, his thirteen-year-old daughter, and five MU students have just returned from a semester at Volgograd State University in Russia. At 4 p.m., today in North Manser Dining Room, Dr. Koloski and the five MU students will share their experiences while over in Russia.

The Mansfield/Volgograd exchange has been around for eight years, and twenty-three MU students, faculty members, and spouses have participated in this exchange over the eight-year period. In the fall of 2000, philosophy professor, Dr. Robert Timko will be traveling to Russia with a small group of Mansfield students to spend the semester there.

Dr. Bernie Koloski

has been a professor here at MU for nearly thirty years, and he is originally from the Lehigh Valley area.

Dr. Koloski and the students who went to Russia will be discussing their experiences at 4 p.m. today in North Dining Hall.

Before teaching English, he taught mathematics. He has taught in Poland and also at the high school level. He went to college at East Stroudsburg University for his BA, the University of Pennsylvania for his MA, and he also attended Arizona State University for his doctorate.

Koloski enjoys teach-

ing his Comp. II classes because there are a mix of majors and he likes to see his students grow in his classroom. He has written a book about Kate Chopin and has edited two other books. He would like to write one more book soon, but he needs to get more organized and also needs to find the time.

His favorite author is Walt Whitman who wrote *Leaves of Grass*. *Leaves of Grass* is also one of his favorite books. Dr. Koloski has no plans on retiring any time soon.

Koloski's biggest accomplishment in life is having raised his three daughters and seeing them grow up. The two older daughters did not go to Russia with him; but both are successful in their jobs. His lovely wife is a teacher at Penn State, and his youngest daughter who did go to Russia with him, goes to Mansfield High School.

HUT HAPPENINGS

Compiled by AMBER LINDQUIST
Flashlight Writer

Up on the hillside sets a seemingly deserted building. Years ago, this was a happening place on campus. However, unbeknownst to many here at Mansfield, there are generally a variety of activities that occur throughout any given week at The Hut.

Most of these things are free and open to the campus community as a whole so be sure to check back here each week to stay up to date as far as what is happening.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, February 2:

Greek Dance

Friday, February 4:

Zanzibar Dance Party 10pm-2am

Saturday, February 5:

Sigma Movie night 8pm

Zanzibar Dance Party 10pm - 2am

If your organization would like to schedule an event to be held at the Hut, contact Mr. Tom Johnston at X4981.

INFO TO GO

Spring Fling 2000

April 28! Mark your calendars and stay tuned to WNTF-FM and *The Flashlight* for more details!

Mark your calendars---HIV/AIDS Testing

Held in Cedarcrest room G7A from 9-11:30 & 1-3 p.m. on February 9 and 23, March 3 and 22, and April 12.

Pool Tournament

Held every Thursday from 7-9:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Sponsored by the Student Union. For info, call Mike at x5711. Winners from this week: 1.) Katie Robbins-\$20; 2.) Tom Nichols-\$10; and 3.) Amir Sabanovic-\$5.

Alternative Injection

Mondays from 6-8 p.m. on 89.5 WNTF-FM. Mr. Joseph Maresco will be on-the-air to discuss campus issues. Call x4650 to ask him questions and visit www.altinjection.cjb.net.

Scholarships

Applications for MU Scholarships for returning students are available through the Office of Financial Planning, 104 Alumni Hall. Please pick up your application shortly if interested. The scholarship deadline is March 15, 2000.

FALL 2000 Weekend Events- Mark your calendars

Opening Weekend: August 26-27

Storytelling Festival: September 20-23

1890's Weekend/Parents and Family Day #1: September 29-30

Homecoming: October 7

Fall Break: October 14-17

Fall Foliage Weekend/Parents and Family Day #2: October 21

Attention All Funded Organizations

The COF will be holding a budget information meeting in North Dining on Tuesday, February 22 at 7 p.m. If you are a funded organization, you are required to attend this meeting. Questions? Call Donna at x4930.

Attention All Student Organizations

If you have had any organizational change (esp. in officers) since the fall semester, turn them into the Student Affairs Office. Info can be sent to: dmilicev@mnsfld.edu, by calling x4930 or by stopping in at 516 North Hall.

Public Relations Student Society of America

Meetings: 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Laurel B Lounge. Use your skills in communication and business in a nationally recognized, pre-professional organization! All majors are welcome! For info, call Suzanne at x5990.

Club Canada

We will be visiting Plattsburg and Montreal. Would you like to meet other students and visit foreign places? Come to an informational meeting on February 3 at 1 p.m. in Belknap 105. Call Darcie at x5222 for information.

Voter Registration

This will be held on Thursday, February 3 in Lower Manser.

Students needed for participation in MU study

The committees that will complete the accreditation self-study (done every 10 years) for MU seek students for help. This is a valuable opportunity and a good resume builder. The study begins with a planning process this semester and freshmen and sophomore student help is preferred. Send a letter expressing your interest to Dr. Peter A. Keller, Middle States Accreditation Self-Study Coordinator, c/o Department of Psychology, 407 South Hall. Include a resume if you have one. Apply no later than Feb. 10. Questions? Call Dr. Keller at x4772.

Rush HBT

It's not too late to rush the co-ed fine arts fraternity Eta Beta Tau! Join us at 9 p.m. tonight in Memorial Hall or call Andy at x5378, Bree at x5451, Bo x5899, or Jessi and Colleen at x5326.

Time Capsule

SGA has extended the deadline for time capsule submissions. A letter will be sent to all student organizations regarding the new due date.

Info to go is free to all campus organizations and community members. Its purpose is a public service announcement page -- no advertisements will be printed. The Flashlight reserves the right to edit the length of the announcement. Please place your announcements in the Info to go envelope on the door of 217 Memorial Hall or e-mail it to flashlight35@hotmail.com -- Please label it "Info to go Announcement" and include a contact person and phone number.

Flashlight Futures

By MARISSA MICKELBERG

Flashlight Psychic

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Aquarius ♒ 1/21 - 2/19

Are people treating you like a doormat lately? It's time to define your space. Say "no" when you want to. Try not to make everyone happy, because you'll end up making yourself miserable. Create your boundaries before it's too late!

KEEP WARM THIS WEEK BY: Some Mourn Den Hot Chocolate (the trick is to let go of the button a half inch before the ring)

Pisces ♓ 2/20 - 3/21

Have you been rushing through life and not taking time to reflect? The stars say that this is your time to chill and be "one with yourself". Allow time to read, write in a journal, or even color in that old Crayola coloring book. Any of these things may be your source of relaxation.

KEEP WARM THIS WEEK BY: Searching for that "Sounds of the Sea" therapy CD and imagine yourself on a tropical island.

Aries ♈ 3/22 - 4/20

Used to getting your own way? Not this week, my friend. You may find yourself unable to sweet talk your way out of a situation. Be ready for a let-down or two. Also, are you ignoring a task that needs to be done? Check your psych syllabus or a homework book for reference just in case.

KEEP WARM THIS WEEK BY: Borrowing a hair dryer from a friend and warm up your sheets before getting into bed, it works, really!

Taurus ♉ 4/21 - 5/21

On the way out the door and the phone rings? Don't let the machine get it! The planets are in line this week and show that you'll be receiving important information, and you don't want to miss out! I'm feeling some heavy vibes in the money department! But some advice? Save it for a rainy day.

KEEP WARM THIS WEEK BY: Wearing some long-johns that Granny gave you for Christmas, or did you leave them at home?

Gemini ♊ 5/22 - 6/21

Your feared Mr./Ms. Hyde will become apparent when a friend gets offended by your abrupt attitude. Stay patient, take a deep breath, and explain that you're edgy and in need of some space. And if that doesn't work, bear your teeth and snarl a couple times. They'll get the picture.

KEEP WARM THIS WEEK BY: Sticking your head in the microwave, JUST KIDDING! Maybe just your hat and gloves for a few seconds.

Cancer ♋ 6/22 - 7/23

You're worrying about the future? The exam on Friday? Where you're going to work this summer? Now, if you're planning to move to L.A. so "A Baby Story" can catch the birth of your child, then you need to call for some psychiatric help. KEEP WARM THIS WEEK BY: Adding an extra layer of socks to fight that nasty brown slush that somehow always finds a way to seep into your boots.

Leo ♌ 7/24 - 8/23

Every day feels like a ton of bricks on your back, huh? Hard to concentrate on one thing when you have all sorts of other stuff on your mind? It's hard. Everyone goes through this. But with your lion-sense, you're sure to be back on your feet in no time, feeling refreshed and happy. Go get 'em!

KEEP WARM THIS WEEK BY: Finding that scarf lying around in your room somewhere. It's there! Keep looking.

Virgo ♍ 8/24 - 9/23

Avoid gossip and the general snoop talk of the crowd. This will get you into trouble by the weekend if you let rumors pollute your disposition. If you're with friends and some "yucky-talk" (as I once called it) comes up, just nod your head and say "Oh." And try to change the subject.

KEEP WARM THIS WEEK BY: Spicy nacho cheese dip and Doritos. The perfect recipe for those chilly afternoons when you get the munchies.

Libra ♎ 9/24 - 10/23

Feeling a little pooppy this week? Peel your booty off the inflatable chair, put on some sweats, and jog over to the fitness center! Motivation is the key. Get the heart pumpin' and the blood flowin' with a good workout. Ever consider Yoga? KEEP WARM THIS WEEK BY: Prayer. Hey, if there's someone up there, he/she might as well listen to our pleas of warm weather.

Scorpio ♏ 10/24 - 11/22

Feeling depressed? A little hurt? This semester not going quite the way you planned? Kick back and relax, Scorp! You've got nothing to worry about! Everything happens for a reason, and you've got to accept that this is the way things are. Hold up your head and concentrate on being happy and healthy.

KEEP WARM THIS WEEK BY: Wearing a blanket everywhere you go. It's a good idea, why doesn't anybody do it?

Sagittarius ♐ 11/23 - 12/22

You're light as a feather this week! What is it? Sleeping better? In love? Spread that warm feeling to everyone you're around. Smile and make people laugh this week. Not only will people want to hang out with a spirited person such as you, but also, nothing bad can come out of a positive attitude!

KEEP WARM THIS WEEK BY: Snuggling up with a sweetie.

Capricorn ♑ 12/23 - 1/20

This is a gentle reminder not to get caught up in the chaos of the adult world where fear, greed, and suffering are commonplace. Open your heart to those things that gave you joy as a child. Maybe have a Nintendo 64 tournament with the boys, or get the girls together and have make-over night.

KEEP WARM THIS WEEK BY: Calling the campus radio station and requesting some Jimmy Buffet and the Beach Boys.

Flashlight SPORTS

The struggle continues for men's team

By Nicole Cortese
Flashlight Writer

The men's basketball team is having a hard time getting the ball rolling again, as they continue their three game losing streak. The Mounties suffered a defeat at the hands of the Bloomsburg Huskies, 85-74, and the Millersville Marauders, 71-68, this past week in PSAC East play.

The Mountaineers do not fall easy, as they gave the Huskies a seesaw battle last Wednesday night. Mansfield was behind going into the half, 43-37, but opened the second half with a 10-0 run lead by Demontric Doddles and Tommy Harvey, each scoring five points. This tied up the game with 13:30 left in the second half. Bloomsburg would once again extend its lead, but Mansfield answered right back closing the gap to four. With 1:43 on the clock, Bloomsburg nailed 10 free throw shots to cap the victory.

Despite the loss, sophomore forward, was under the spot light with a career-high of 26 points. From the field, Goodman sank eight of his 14 shots, hit seven of eight from the free-throw line, and went three for four from three-point range. He also pulled down a team-high of eight rebounds. Doddles also added 15 points, hitting all of his three-point attempts, and pulling down six rebounds. Harvey, only 32 points away from the MU career scoring record, put 13 points on the board. Damoun Lopez was hot from three-point range sinking four, giving him 12 points.

The Mountie men also returned home Saturday to host Millersville as part of the centennial reunion weekend. Lopez marked the second game in a row for a Mountaineer to score a career-high of 26 points in the game.

Mansfield controlled the first half with a 25-25 lead, until Millersville went on a 15-5 run to close the half in a tie at

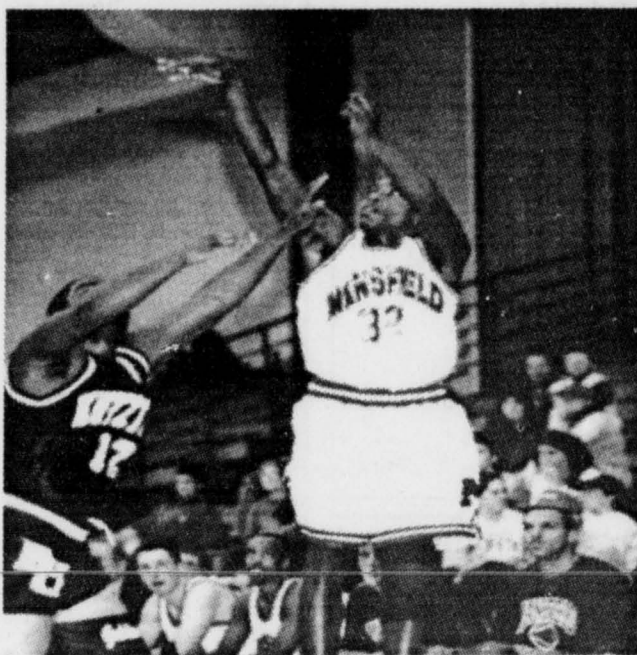


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Senior tri-captain, Tommy Harvey, and the Mounties look to end losing skid this week.

30. Lopez gave the Mountaineers the lead, as he tipped in a miss to give his team a 67-66 advantage with a minute remaining.

Just as things started to look up for the Mountaineers, Jasmine Williams hammered a three-point shot to give Millersville the lead for

good, with only five seconds on the clock.

The Mountaineers dropped a heart-breaking loss, but because they never gave up, had three players in double figures. Lopez sank nine of his 14 attempts from the field and drilled four three-pointers. Goodman added 13 points and pulled down seven boards, and Harvey hammered in 19 points, with seven rebounds and five assists.

The Mountaineers are now 1-4 in the PSAC East, and will host Kutztown University on Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Decker Gymnasium. This game will mark another PSAC East matchup and it will give Harvey another shot at breaking the school's career scoring record. He has 13 points to go.

Lady Mounties attempt to regain momentum

By Nicole Cortese
Flashlight Writer

The momentum is on hold. The lady Mountaineers were stopped this past week, dropping two PSAC East. The first came against Bloomsburg, and the other loss was to Millersville.

The Mountaineer women lost their first PSAC East game this season, 75-4, when they traveled to Bloomsburg to do battle. Brandy Lingenfelter nailed a pair of free throw shots to bring the lady Mounties to within ten points to start the second half. The huskies then went on an 11-0 run, freezing the Mountaineers in their tracks.

Despite the loss, MU displayed quality play. Allyson Buss scored a game-high of 12 points. Jennifer Nichols supplied 10 points and a game-high assists total of five. Lingenfelter set a game high in rebounds, as she pulled down 10 boards and blocked



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MU hopes to resume winning ways vs. Kutztown

two shot.

Mansfield had a tough time on the court, as Bloomsburg forced 33 turnovers, and held the Mountaineers to only 41 shots and 21 free throw attempts. This loss put the Mountaineers at 3-1 in the PSAC East.

The Mountaineers returned home on Saturday after a four-game road trip, to host Millersville University. This game kicked off

Mansfield's centennial reunion weekend, which celebrates the 100th anniversary of the first men's and women's basketball teams.

MU could not hold onto the lead, as Millersville scored the last five points of the first half, making the score 39-36. Millersville continued to rule the score board, going on a 23-8 to lead off the second half. The Marauders would take a 62-44 advantage with only 9:30 left to play, shutting the Mountaineers down for the remainder of the game.

Buss was the only Mountaineer to hit double figures with 16 points, sinking nine points in three-pointers, and totaling five assists. Nichols left the game early in the second half with her fourth foul. She finished with nine points, five rebounds, and five assists.

The Mountaineers are now 3-2 in PSAC East play. They will host Kutztown University in another PSAC East matchup, on Wednesday, at 6 p.m. in Decker Gymnasium.

Swim team takes win against Millersville

Special to the Flashlight

ROCHESTER, NY- The Mansfield University swim team won its second-straight meet Saturday, 58-

34 over Wells College, behind three first place finishes by freshman sensation Cristina Jacome (Quito, Ecuador/ American School of Quito).

Jacome won the 400 IM (5:07.24) and the 100-free, and was part of MY's Stroudsburg University Saturday at 1p.m.

The Flashlight can use your skills. And you can use it for your portfolio. All majors are welcome. Meetings are held every Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Flashlight Office, located in entertaining Memorial Hall.

MU vaults to the top

Special to the Flashlight

CARLISLE, PA- The Mansfield University indoor track & field team competed at the Fourth Annual DeCharme Relays Saturday at Dickinson College, with the men's team winning the pole vault in team competition.

Kyle Kittner (Towanda/Towanda) cleared 13'6" while Eric Franitti (Beaver Falls/ Blackhawk) cleared 12'0" to give the Mounties the pole vault win. Mansfield finished second in the high jump and long jump, behind junior Lamar

Crawford (Philadelphia/ Dobbins), who leaped 6'0" in the high jump and 39'9-1/2" in the long jump. Kittner led MU to a second-place finish in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.03.

The Mountie women placed second in the pole vault, with Kim Carman (Trumansburg, NY/Dickerson) clearing 7'6". Brianne Liddick (Elmira, NY/Elmira Southside) ran a 20:56.74 to help MU finish third in the 5,000 meters.

Mansfield returns to action Saturday at SUNY-Fredonia.

Flashlight Sports Trivia Twister

Category: Pro Football

What franchise won the NFL's first championship?

Last week's answer:
Cleveland

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ESPN Men's Top 25

1. Cincinnati(20-1)
2. Stanford(17-1)
3. Duke(16-2)
4. Syracuse(18-0)
5. Arizona(17-4)
6. Michigan State(15-5)
7. Connecticut(15-4)
8. Ohio State(14-3)
9. Tennessee(18-2)
10. Auburn(17-3)
11. Indiana(15-3)
12. Florida(14-4)
13. Texas(14-6)
14. Oklahoma State(16-2)
15. Kansas(16-4)
16. Tulsa(20-2)
17. (tie) Kentucky(15-5)
17. (tie) Oklahoma(17-3)
19. Utah(16-3)
20. Temple(14-4)
21. Maryland(14-6)
22. NC State(14-4)
23. Vanderbilt(13-4)
24. Iowa State(18-3)
25. LSU(16-3)

ESPN Top 25 Women's Basketball

1. Connecticut(19-0)
2. Georgia(21-2)
3. Louisiana Tech(15-2)
4. Tennessee(16-3)
5. Notre Dame(17-2)
6. Penn State(18-3)
7. Texas Tech(16-2)
8. North Carolina State(16-4)
9. Iowa State(15-3)
10. Duke(18-3)
11. LSU(16-3)
12. Rutgers(13-4)
13. Auburn(16-4)
14. UC-Santa Barbara(17-3)
15. Arizona(16-3)
16. Old Dominion(14-3)
17. UCLA(12-5)
18. Boston College(17-4)
19. Mississippi State(16-3)
20. Purdue(14-5)
21. Illinois(16-7)
22. Tulane(18-2)
23. Virginia(16-5)
24. Kansas(14-5)
25. Oklahoma(17-3)

NBA Standings

| Eastern Conference | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|------|--------|
| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| Atlantic | | | | |
| Miami | 27 | 16 | .628 | — |
| New York | 26 | 16 | .619 | 1/2 |
| Philadelphia | 24 | 20 | .545 | 3 1/2 |
| Boston | 20 | 23 | .462 | 7 |
| Orlando | 20 | 26 | .435 | 8 1/2 |
| New Jersey | 17 | 27 | .386 | 10 1/2 |
| Washington | 14 | 30 | .318 | 13 1/2 |
| Central | | | | |
| Indiana | 28 | 15 | .651 | — |
| Charlotte | 24 | 18 | .571 | 3 1/2 |
| Toronto | 24 | 19 | .558 | 4 |
| Milwaukee | 24 | 20 | .545 | 4 1/2 |
| Detroit | 22 | 22 | .500 | 6 1/2 |
| Cleveland | 18 | 26 | .409 | 10 1/2 |
| Atlanta | 16 | 26 | .381 | 11 1/2 |
| Chicago | 8 | 33 | .195 | 19 |

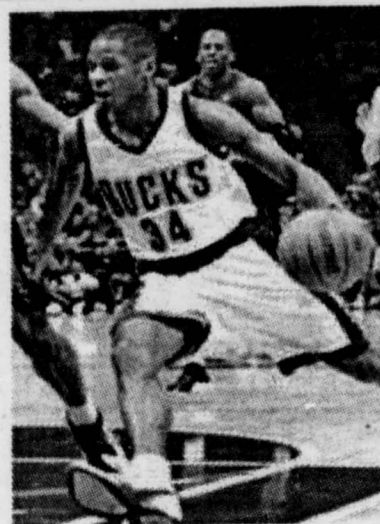


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First-time All-Star Ray Allen.

| Western Conference | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|------|--------|
| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| Midwest | | | | |
| Utah | 27 | 15 | .643 | — |
| San Antonio | 28 | 16 | .636 | — |
| Minnesota | 25 | 17 | .595 | 2 |
| Denver | 20 | 22 | .476 | 7 |
| Dallas | 17 | 26 | .395 | 10 1/2 |
| Houston | 17 | 27 | .386 | 11 |
| Vancouver | 12 | 30 | .286 | 15 |
| Pacific | | | | |
| L.A. Lakers | 34 | 10 | .773 | — |
| Portland | 33 | 10 | .767 | 1/2 |
| Sacramento | 27 | 16 | .628 | 6 1/2 |
| Seattle | 28 | 17 | .622 | 6 1/2 |
| Phoenix | 25 | 18 | .581 | 8 1/2 |
| L.A. Clippers | 11 | 32 | .256 | 22 1/2 |
| Golden State | 9 | 32 | .220 | 23 1/2 |



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Player of the Month, Kevin Garnett.

National Hockey League Standings

Eastern Conference

| Atlantic | W | L | T | Pts. |
|----------------|----|----|---|------|
| New Jersey | 31 | 15 | 5 | 71 |
| Philadelphia | 26 | 15 | 9 | 62 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 22 | 22 | 7 | 54 |
| Pittsburgh | 21 | 25 | 4 | 51 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 13 | 30 | 6 | 33 |

| Northeast | W | L | T | Pts. |
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| Toronto | 29 | 17 | 6 | 67 |
| Ottawa | 25 | 18 | 8 | 60 |
| Boston | 17 | 22 | 13 | 51 |
| Buffalo | 20 | 25 | 6 | 47 |
| Montreal | 17 | 25 | 7 | 43 |
| Southeast | W | L | T | Pts. |
| Florida | 29 | 17 | 4 | 65 |
| Washington | 24 | 17 | 8 | 57 |
| Carolina | 20 | 24 | 8 | 48 |
| Tampa Bay | 12 | 31 | 6 | 34 |
| Atlanta | 11 | 33 | 6 | 32 |

Western Conference

| Central | W | L | T | Pts. |
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| Detroit | 31 | 15 | 6 | 69 |
| St. Louis | 31 | 14 | 6 | 68 |
| Nashville | 19 | 27 | 6 | 48 |
| Chicago | 18 | 27 | 6 | 44 |
| Northwest | W | L | T | Pts. |
| Colorado | 25 | 20 | 7 | 58 |
| Edmonton | 17 | 22 | 13 | 54 |
| Calgary | 23 | 23 | 5 | 52 |
| Vancouver | 15 | 25 | 10 | 46 |



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Buffalo All-Star Dominik Hasek.

PSAC Standings

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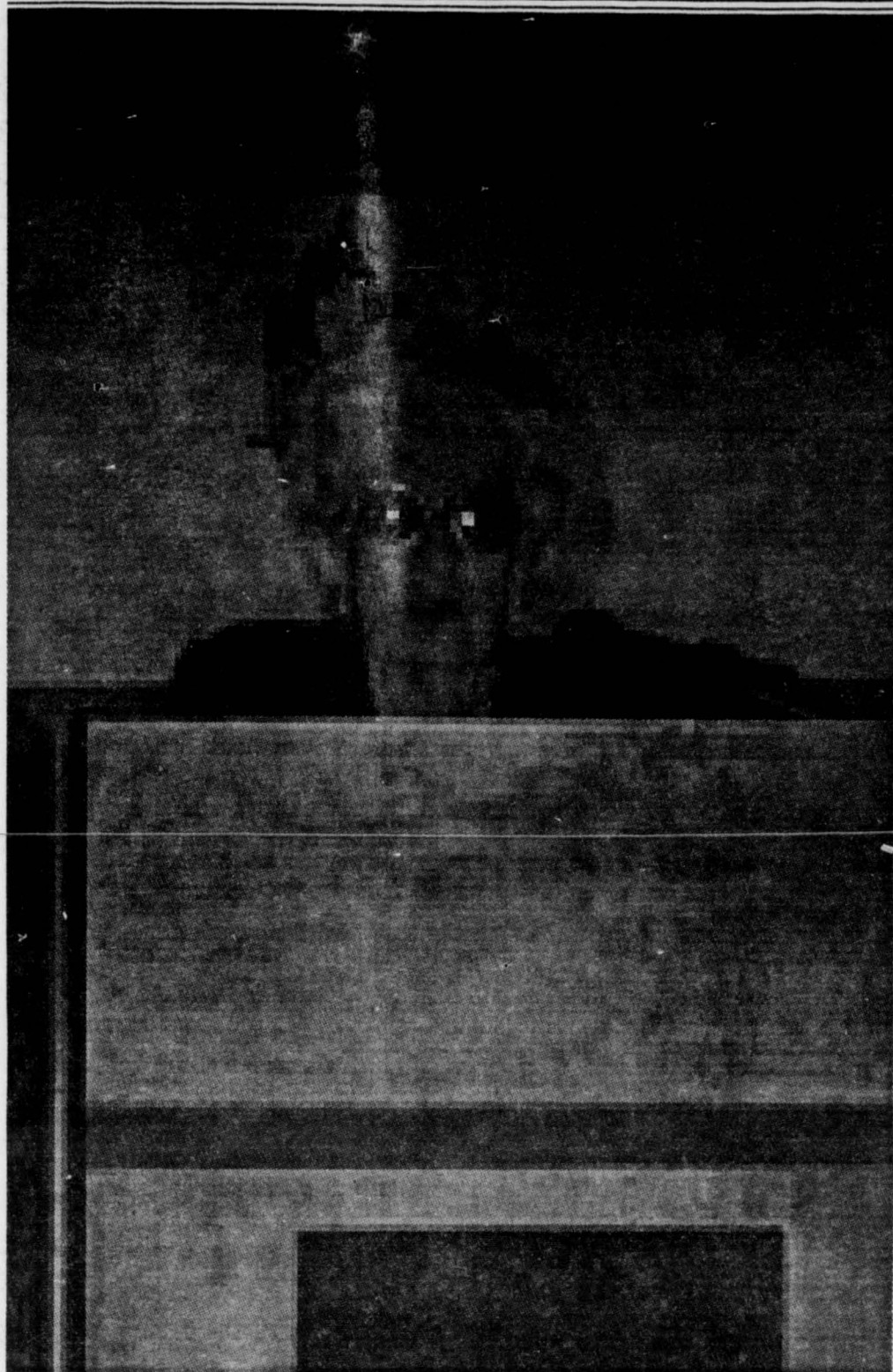
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| West Chester | 4-1 | 13-4 |
| Millersville | 4-1 | 8-8 |
| Cheney | 4-2 | 11-6 |
| Bloomsburg | 3-2 | 13-4 |
| East Stroudsburg | 2-3 | 4-13 |
| MANSFIELD | 1-4 | 10-8 |
| Kutztown | 0-5 | 6-12 |

WOMEN

| Eastern Division | PSAC | Total |
|------------------|------|-------|
| Kutztown | 4-1 | 14-3 |
| Millersville | 4-1 | 13-5 |
| Bloomsburg | 4-1 | 10-7 |
| MANSFIELD | 3-2 | 5-13 |
| West Chester | 2-3 | 7-10 |
| East Stroudsburg | 1-4 | 9-10 |
| Cheney | 0-6 | 2-13 |

Mountaineer LINE-UP

| | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun. | Mon. | Tues. |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------|------|----------------------------|------|------|-------|
| Men's Basketball | Kutztown 8 PM tip | | | @ West Chester 3 PM tip | | | |
| Women's Basketball | Kutztown 6 PM tip | | | @ West Chester 1PM tip | | | |
| Women's Swimming | | | | East Stroudsburg 1 p.m. | | | |
| Indoor Track & Field | | | | @ SUNY-Fredonia | | | |



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Rams overcome Titans in a thriller Super Bowl

By Darren A. DeVoue
Sports Editor

Super Bowl XXXIV, in Atlanta, was a microcosm of the 1999 NFL season. They both ended as they started; with the Rams leading, and some heart-wrenching chaos mixed in-between.

The first drive for both teams ended in botched field goal attempts. The Rams dropped their snap, and the Titan's simply missed their own.

Rams' quarterback, Kurt Warner's next two passes went for 49 yards as the Rams went to the Titan 17 yard-line, only to come away with a field goal. This would be a first-half trend for St. Louis. They became the first team in Super Bowl history to have their first five drives go into the opponent's red zone without a single resulting touchdown.

The Titans could not gather any offensive momentum in the first half. Tennessee only converted one third-down

in the first half, and that was a result of an offside penalty. In addition, running back Eddie George only toted the ball seven times in the first half.

The second started for Tennessee with a critical shift in momentum, against them. On a third-and-five, in their initial drive of the half, George dropped a screen pass, bringing up fourth-down. The subsequent field goal attempt by Al Del Greco was blocked by Rams' cornerback Todd Lyght. St. Louis seized the moment, and went 68 yards in eight plays to up their lead to 16-0.

Tennessee had overcome adverse situations throughout the post-season, and the Super Bowl would be no different. George was a brahma bull in the second-half gaining 77 of his 95 yards, and running for both Titan scores. The Titans ran off 16 unanswered points to pull even with 2:05 left in the game. The game was tied for 17 seconds.

Rams' receiver, Isaac Bruce, turned in a 73 yard catch

and run that put his team up for good. The Titans looked to respond once again as quarterback Steve McNair took his offense down the field. Any thought of the first overtime in Super Bowl history ended when St. Louis linebacker, Mike Jones, tackled Tennessee receiver, Kevin Dyson, one yard short of paydirt as time expired.

The Titans passing game was hindered by their inability to get the ball to their wide receivers. Eight of McNair's 22 completions were to the outside receivers. Receiver Yancy Thigpen, who injured his foot in the AFC Championship victory over Jacksonville was sorely missed.

Warner would finish as the game MVP throwing for a Super Bowl record 414 yards. Warner completed 24 on 45 attempts, for a 53 percent completion percentage. He completed 70 percent of his passes during the regular season. However, Warner's yards per completion was an astounding 17.25. Marshall Faulk, Torry Holt, and

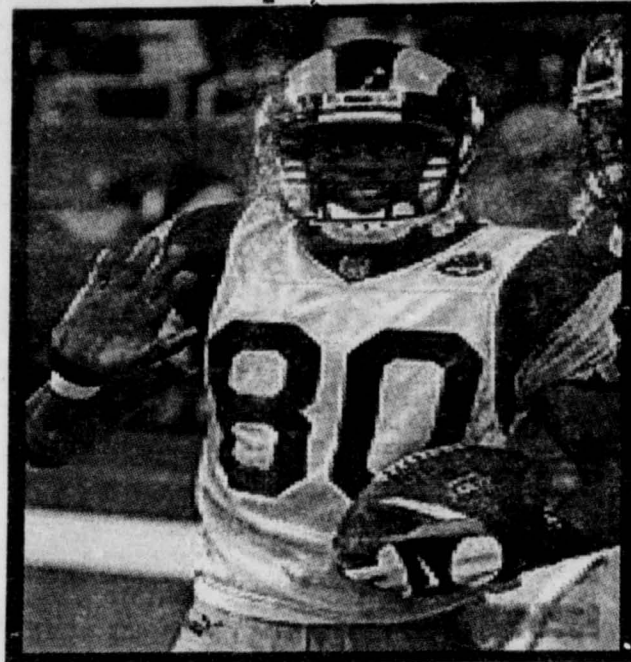


Photo Courtesy of AP

Rams All-Pro Isaac Bruce celebrates his game winning score.

Bruce combined for 18 receptions for 361 yards, and two touchdowns. Faulk only ran the ball 10 times, despite the fact that his team lead for the majority of the game. Usually, teams with a two score lead like to run the ball

to run time off the clock. Faulk did make an impact in the passing game catching 5 passes for 90 yards.

The Rams returned to St. Louis Monday, to a huge reception and parade. The Super Bowl win was the first for the franchise.

Athlete Profile: MU swimmer Candice Cipolla

By Darren A. DeVoue
Sports Editor

It's early Tuesday morning, and Candice Cipolla of the Mansfield University Swimming team, has left class and returned to the sanctuary of her dorm room. Still recovering from the demands of a swim meet from the weekend, she musters up enough energy to graciously conduct an interview.

Being in a sport that is arguably one of the most physically testing sports offered, as well as being a solid student, does not discourage Cipolla. "I like it," said the junior. "I feel that it makes it easier on me. I have a better perspective of how much time I have."

Swimming is customarily a sport overlooked on most college campuses, which makes Cipolla a diamond in the rough. Last season, the Reading native was recognized as an Honorable Mention All-American. Cipolla was second in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference in the 100 and 200 meter backstroke. At last year's NCAA meet, she took twelfth in the nation in her 100 meter event. Cipolla's events are the aforementioned backstroke events and the 200 meter IM, or individual



Photo provided

Mansfield University Swimmer, Candice Cipolla.

medley. The individual medley is an event comprised of two laps each of the butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle. Cipolla's favorite event is, understandably, the backstroke.

Cipolla is quite competitive. Growing up in Reading with her younger brother, Cipolla said they went at it in a wide range of sports. "Baseball, football, cards; we went at it in any and everything!"

Cipolla's desire to win is evidenced by the fact that her goals for times adorn her wall. "That way I can't lose focus," said Cipolla.

"Actually we have them for the entire team. They surround the pool at Decker."

Cipolla is able to adjust to change as the coach that recruited her out of Wilson high school, Diane Height, changed to Denita Pokorny. After such a successful sophomore campaign, Cipolla looks towards this year PSAC and NCAA meets. The PSAC meet will take place on February 17 through the 19 at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Cipolla has a solid shot at winning a conference in her favorite events as well as finishing high in the national standings..

Biscuits cont.

an impressive two-round TKO over Julius Francis Saturday night. Tyson wants to meet Lennox Lewis next, but Lewis' management doesn't think that will happen until next year... Selig issued a year long prohibition on the Los Angeles Dodgers signing Dominican players. The penalty was a result of the Dodgers knowing signing Adrian Beltre when he was too young...

Gary Player beat Tom Watson with an 18-foot playoff hole birdie to win the Senior Skins Game. Player won \$220,000, and Watson received \$210,000... Lindsey Davenport upset three-time defending champ Martina Hingis to win the Australian Open. Davenport won in straight sets 6-1, 7-5... Robbie Buhl won the Indy Racing League's season opener, the Delphi 200.

Biscuits and Gravy for this week

Atlanta Braves pitcher John Rocker was Monday suspended until May first, and fined \$20,000 by Major League Commissioner Bud Selig. The players union is appealing the suspension... Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis was charged in the stabbing deaths of two men, after a Super Bowl party. Lewis is the second NFL player this year to be arrested for murder (Rae Carruth)... ABC estimates that this past Super

Bowl had the fifth highest rating ever for the big show. 650,000 people logged onto the Enhanced TV Internet compliment... The Iowa State men's basketball team is atop its conference ranking this late into the season for the first time since 1945. The Cyclones are ranked number 24 in the nation with an 18-3 record... Andre Agassi won his sixth Grand Slam title Sunday, winning the Australian Open. Agassi is ranked number one in the world... Mike Tyson scored

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Saturday classes a rumor

CARL D. MADONNA
Flashlight News Editor

"I don't mind waking up Monday through Friday to an alarm clock, but waking up to that buzz on Saturday morning would be unbearable," said sophomore Bob Manganello.

Rumors of Saturday classes have been floating all over this campus for the past few weeks and has caused some mixed feelings. Well here it is, those rumors were just that, ru-

mors.

Dr. Joseph Moore, Provost, said, "We considered the idea of Saturday classes only for the graduate level courses." As for undergraduate studies, Moore commented that the only time Saturday classes would surface would be during the major renovations of Belknap and Retan Hall's. These two buildings are scheduled for a face-lift sometime in the academic year of 2001-2002.

"When we lose the use of these buildings, we will have to schedule more late afternoon and evening classes," Moore said.

According to Dr. Moore, Grant Science Center and Elliot Hall will be rebuilt this summer with a new two story parking garage appearing in the lot that used to be the Recreation Center. This summer plans to be eventful with changes also happening in Memorial Hall. "Once the new Student Union Center is up and running, Memorial Hall

will become an Informational Technology Center," Moore said.

And last but not least, Allen Hall is awaiting confirmation to approve a grant that would free up funds to better the facilities in Allen Hall.

So the possibility of Saturday classes in the near future is indeed far-fetched, yet the future is still unclear. Keep in mind that when Belknap and Retan Hall's do go under renovation, only one build-

ing at a time will be worked on. Moore added, "So many students have classes in either one of those buildings, we could not shut them both down at the same time."

When this dilemma becomes a reality, the possibility of Saturday classes may once again become the talk of the campus. "We are not completely pushing aside the idea of Saturday classes, once we lose those facilities during the academic year, something will have to be done to compensate for the loss," Moore said.

Rash of thefts reported in Cedarcrest

Special to the Flashlight

Four incidents of theft from Cedarcrest Residence Hall were reported to Mansfield University Police last week. According to reports, more than \$450 in cash and 270 compact discs were taken from Cedarcrest rooms between Jan. 29 and last Thursday.

"It's too soon to say if they are related," said MU Police Officer Anthony Regalbuto. "There have been a rash of thefts being reported from Cedarcrest, and the incidents are under investigation."

Police began investigation of two reports of cash being stolen from Cedarcrest A rooms Friday.

\$295 in cash was taken from a desk drawer sometime between 9 and 11 a.m. last Thursday and reported to police Friday. \$160 was taken from a wallet left on the dresser in an unlocked room between 10:30 and 11 p.m. last Thursday. That theft, too, was reported to police Friday.

The earliest incident - theft of 20 CDs - apparently hap-

pened Jan. 22, but was reported Friday. According to the police report, the CDs were taken from the vacant room in Cedarcrest A between 10 a.m. and 10:03 a.m. Police said the CDs are valued at \$300.

The theft of cash, and the 20 CDs, will be charged as misdemeanors.

A felony third-degree theft of 250 CDs and a CD carrying case from 404 Cedarcrest B is also under investigation by campus police. The value of the CDs is approximately \$4,000, according to the police report.

The felony incident occurred Jan. 27, and was reported to police the same day. Police released the public report of the incident Friday.

Officer Regalbuto said Joe Miller, the assistant director of Residence Life in Cedarcrest was contacted and told to warn his Resident Assistant Staff of the thefts.

"The staff is being told to tell their residents to lock their doors when they leave their rooms," he said.

Music sweetens weekend

Special to the Flashlight

Two music department events sweeten Valentine's Weekend at Mansfield University.

The department of Music will present its annual faculty gala recital at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Steadman Theatre.

Featuring the music department faculty in solo and ensemble performances, ranging from serious to light, this annual event has become a favorite for the faculty and the audience alike. The grand finale includes all the performers and audience participation.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Proceeds from the concert benefit the music department scholarship fund.

Take your valentine to the annual Pops Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, in Steadman Theatre. The concert features the MU Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Kenneth Sarch and the MU Concert Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Adam Brennan.

The theme this year is a salute to America and the composer, Aaron Copland. The Concert Wind Ensemble will begin the program with Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man* and *Outdoor Overture*. Some of the selections that the

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New Student Union will be completed in six weeks

By LIZ VISOTSKI
Flashlight Writer

The new student union building will be completed within the next six weeks, according to the Administrative Affairs report during Monday night's Student Government Association meeting.

Administrative Affairs also reported about the progress of the many different infrastructure projects on campus. Framing for the new childcare center is scheduled to begin this week, and renovations to Maple Hall will begin this summer. Room rates are expected to rise marginally to help pay for the upgrades.

The Betterment Organization Of Mansfield (BOOM) reported there is some investigation into a community swimming pool to be located at Smythe Park in downtown Mansfield. Another idea the committee is entertaining is for a dollar theater to show second run movies.

CCSI reported that there

will be a new MAC machine in the Student Union that will charge 50 cents a transaction to those students who do not have an affiliated account. CCSI also announced that the virtual tour of the new Student Union has been updated, and that there are plans to replace the old mail delivery van on campus.

A Dance Marathon to support the Children's Miracle Network is tentatively scheduled for April. There will be a meeting that is open to the public on Feb. 18 in the South Conference Room of North Hall library to discuss plans.

Under old business, the senators have signed up for office hours to make them more accessible to the campus community. There are still five senator vacancies to be filled at the Feb. 14 meeting, and there is hope to get a CPA to come and speak to the students about doing their taxes.

In the category of new business, the SGA was advised of the need for a bus shelter at Travel World to protect those students who travel on the regularly scheduled busses to and from Mansfield.

The Parking Committee introduced their proposal to the general body of the student government. Among other things, one of the suggestions involved the possibility of a new parking lot behind Cedarcrest Manor.

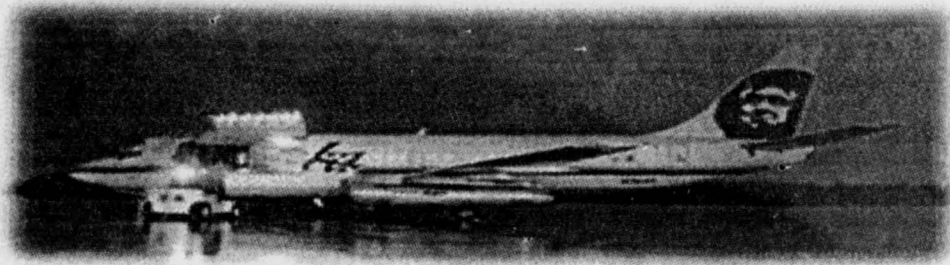
The repaving and reallocating of parking places and other improvements to East lot, and the posting of a Mountie Shuttle schedule at other locations on campus besides Laurel Manor were also suggested.

Maresco added that there is a possibility of adding security cameras to the lots as well.

The next meeting of SGA will be on Feb. 14th in Memorial 204 at 9pm.

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Alaska Airline forced to land after more problems with stabilizer device.

Photo provided

Alaska Air grounded again

By DANIEL AMIDON
Flashlight Writer

Alaska Airlines flight 261 plummeted into the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Ventura County California on Jan 31, flying from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico to San Francisco. The casualties of this crash are 83 passengers and 5 crew members, there were no survivors. Officials have located the black boxes and are investigating the cause of the crash although they are relatively certain that the cause was a failure of the rear stabilizer.

The crew had reported mechanical problems before the airliner went down. The wreckage that has not been recovered lies about 700 feet below the surface. Most victims' bodies are hung up in the broken plane pieces which span an area roughly the size of a football field on the ocean floor.

Another incident involving Alaska Airlines happened this week at Reno/Tahoe International Airport when a plane en route to Seattle was landed minutes after it took off when someone noticed sparks originating from the rear of the plane. The rear stabilizer had been the root of the problem. There were no injuries to either the passengers or the crew when the plane was returned safely to the ground.

Skywatch Weather

Wednesday



Hi 42 Lo 25

Thursday



Hi 43 Lo 29

Friday



Hi 47 Lo 24

Saturday



Hi 36 Lo 13

Sunday



Hi 36 Lo 17



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Police Beat Defiant Trespass

Former student, Sarah Finkbiner, was given written notice banning her from all residence halls. Police received notice Finkbiner was in Maple B Jan. 29 from 5:30 p.m. to 5:35 p.m. The incident continues to be investigated.

A campus police officer found Andrew Towner, 19, in Cedarcrest A, room 512, from 1:40 a.m. to 3:10 a.m. on Jan. 29, after previously being banned from Cedarcrest Residence Hall. Towner was escorted out of Cedarcrest and was later charged with defiant criminal trespass.

Music

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the Orchestra will play are from *Fiddler on the Roof* in a tribute to American musical theatre and *The Syncopated Clock* by American composer Leroy Anderson. The concert will conclude with a combined performance by the Orchestra and Wind Ensemble in John Philip Sousa's *the Stars and Stripes Forever*. The concert will also feature three talented trumpet soloists. The MU Symphony is comprised of music majors and community members; the Orchestra tours annually.

In other music notes, the MU Concert Choir is traveling to the American Choral Directors Association Eastern Division Convention next Wednesday in Baltimore, Md.

Under the direction of Peggy Dettwiller, the 48-member group choir will have two performances that will include selections from the Renaissance to the 20th Century. The Concert choir will perform various works in four different languages. The group has been invited by taped audition each of the last eight years to perform at state, regional, national or international choral conventions. The choir toured Europe in 1996 and 1999 and has produced two CD recordings.

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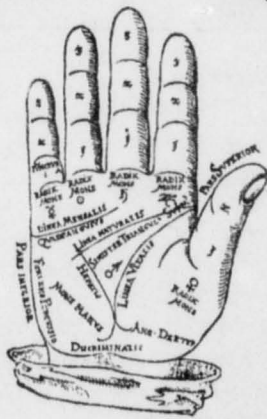
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Drinking in the dormitories a problem

By DANIEL AMIDON
Flashlight Writer

Drinking alcohol is a choice everyone must all face as members of a college community. When used responsibly, alcohol is a form of relaxation and recreation to many members of our society.

Unfortunately among many college campuses, Mansfield not excluded, drinking may go out of control and pose a threat to this learning environment and even student health. The results of binge drinking can many times hurt the drinker as well as people that come in contact with him or her. Alcohol poisoning and in-

creased aggressiveness are two common problems associated with consumption of alcohol.

According to Carmen Bianco, Associate Director of Housing Operations, "Alcohol related violations within the residence halls are at average levels for this academic year." Average numbers meaning that there are about 80-110 violations per year. "The bulk of the violations occur in the Fall semester", explains Bianco. He attributes this phenomenon to new freshmen students who are unfamiliar with University policies towards drinking. The majority of alcohol related violations are committed by students in their freshman

"I don't see any problems with drinking in the dorms, and I will continue to do it."

-Anonymous
MU student

year.

This problem does affect more seasoned students as well. A Hemlock Manor resident who wanted to remain anonymous states,

"I have been involved in several alcohol related problems on campus, from property destruction to verbal and physical assaults, and I'm currently in my fourth semester." This student went on to explain, "I do not see any problems with drinking in the (dorms), and I will continue to do it." Attitudes like this one are not beneficial to university life and this student is not alone. A poll of 50 Mansfield students reveals that 38 of them drink once or twice a week, 15 choose not to drink or fewer than three times a semester, and 7 of them drink heavily at least three nights a week.

A national survey reveals that 44 percent of col-

lege students binge drink or have done it. The evidence also shows that high school binge drinkers are three times more likely to continue the practice in college. The most alarming statistic of this national survey is that almost no college students believe they have a problem with alcohol, even if they admitted to binge drinking three or more times in a two week period.

These statistics show that drinking is an issue among American Universities. If you choose to drink alcohol, do it responsibly. If you have any questions on alcohol related problems on our campus, you could reach Bianco at 662-4934.

Big Punisher dead at 28

By DANIEL AMIDON
Flashlight Writer

The rap music community has lost one of their largest members. Christopher Rios, also known as the Big Punisher, has died of a heart attack. Rios was 28 years old and has left behind a wife and three children. His major contribution to rap music was his debut album, *Capital Punishment*, which became

double platinum on the RCA record label. Hit songs include *Punish Me*, *Caribbean Connection*, *Glamour Life*, and his hottest jam *I'm Not a Player*. Rios was scheduled to release another album in April.

Big Pun's most notable recent accomplishment was his guest appearance on Jennifer Lopez's chart topping single, *Feelin' So Good*. Rios was born and raised in the Bronx and his music reflected his childhood. Known for rough lyrics and his



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even rougher lifestyle, Rios created controversy within the rap game. Rios was also an integral part of the *Terror Squad* and frequently appeared with his childhood friend Fat Joe.

Hut Happenings

Compiled by AMBER LINDQUIST
Flashlight Writer

Upon entering the Hut, it is difficult to miss all the artwork on the walls. Many of these were originally painted by Edward Kasambira, however many of these organizations represented no longer exist on campus. The two paintings that were not painted by Kasambira are the Madhatter, above the DJ booth, and the WNTU logo.

This week's events
Friday & Saturday 2/11 & 2/12 Zanzibar Dance Party 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Student Success Seminars

Better Grades in Less Time

7 p.m. - 9 p.m., Wednesday, February 9
Allen Lecture Hall

Presenter: Gary Tuerack, Internationally known speaker and author

Budgeting 101

6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 16
Cedarcrest Rec Room

Presenter: Margaret Delmonico, Administrator of Speakers Bureau - P.S.E.C.U.

Note Taking, Study Skills

6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Thursday, February 17
Pinecrest Rec Room

Presenter: Robert Everett, Mansfield University student

Campus Offices and Other Resources

6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Tuesday, February 22
Cedarcrest Rec Room

Presenter: Joe Miller, Assistant Director of Residence Life

Information Technology

6 - 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 1
Library Classroom

Presenter: Tamela Bastion, Training Coordinator - Information Technology



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Two students chosen to work with THIS

Special to the Flashlight

Susan T. Pottichen of Philadelphia and Andrew D. Taylor of Allenwood are working as a part of a fifteen week internship sponsored by the State System of Higher Education. Pottichen will be working for the state Department of Public Welfare and Taylor will be working in the office of state Attorney General D. Michael Fisher.

Pottichen, the daughter of William F. and Gertrude V. Pottichen, is a senior majoring in social work at Mansfield University of Pennsylvania. She is

one of 15 students participating in The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) program, which provides students the opportunity to work in all areas of state government while earning a full semester's worth of credits.

Taylor, the son of Douglas and Ruth Taylor, is a senior majoring in criminal justice administration at Mansfield University of Pennsylvania. He is one of 15 students participating in The Harrisburg Internship Semester program. Taylor is also earning a full semester worth of credits while participating with the program.

The semester long program invites students from each of the 14 State System universities to participate. More than 100 students from State System universities have participated in THIS since the program began in 1989, gaining valuable insight into the working of state government at the policy making level. Interns have worked with dozens of state agencies as well as in the offices of the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the attorney general.



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Susan Pottichen and Andrew Taylor are the two students from Mansfield that have been chosen to participate with the THIS program.

Better Grades in Less Time

By CATHY WARNER
Flashlight Writer

Better Grades in Less Time will be the theme of the lecture today at 7 p.m. in Allen Hall. Gary Tuerack will be presenting a lecture on Better Grades In Less Time. This program is guaranteed to help students achieve success in school. He will help students improve comprehension, concentration, and retention of what students are learning in the classroom.

Gary Tuerack is a nationally known author and speaker. He has introduced this program at Harvard University, Cornell University, MIT, and other leading institutions. He is respected

for his training on faster reading and mental power development. Tuerack was an extremely slow reader in his youth and discovered a way to increase his reading speed to over 1,000 words per minute. He shares his information with large audiences of students in an engaging, humorous presentation where students learn how to read faster and save hours of wasted time.

At Tuerack's lecture, students will see top-notch visual aids. He uses comedy as a teaching tool, and he also uses magic to hold student's attention. The Residence Life Office sponsors this program. If you have any questions call Joe Miller at 4938 or check out Gary Tuerack's web site at: www.totalsuccess.com.

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Commentary
Slacker's guide to college

By **KAREN HOLGATE**
Flashlight Writer

So, many people have been coming up to me, saying how disappointed they are that I didn't have a commentary in the paper last week. They say how they were looking forward to my sage advice. Well, stop yelling at me. I thought I made it clear that I am a slacker. Come on people, I never promised you a rose garden.

Never fret though, I have decided to make up for my lapse in judgment by giving you a bonus article. I was planing on saving this until the end of the semester, but I think you deserve it now.

Get paid for doing nothing!!!!!!

If you're thinking, "that's what I'm all about," prepare to cut this out and frame it as your new constitution. I am going to tell you exactly how you can get money for nothing - or next to nothing.

First, for those of you who have some sort of ancient work ethic, I have a few suggestions that won't offend you. There are tons of jobs out there that keep regular hours with a minimum of effort. If you work sales, you basically stand around and wait for the work to come to you. Or go for those prime jobs in movie theaters and video stores. Get paid for watching and recommending movies.

Now on to my people, if you would rather do nearly nothing and get paid, read on. Do you like to read those trashy romance novels? Well send a letter to one of the publishers offering your services as a proofreader or reviewer. You get the books for free, read them like you normally would, and write a one page review. Get paid and save cash on your regular book club.

Like to surf the web? There are more sites than I can name that offer cash for spending time checking out sites that you might look at on your own. Plus a lot of sites are looking for people to help maintain their sites. You don't need to be a CIS major to do this stuff. Why, you can learn HTML on the web in an hour. Cake walk!

If you move to New York City, you can get paid for passing out fliers to people on the street. Sure it can be humiliating but you make your own hours and if you have limited scruples you could just throw the fliers out. Who would really know?

There is also the age old tradition of selling your plasma for cash. Guys, your semen can bring you in an easy \$90 per deposit. Ladies, you have an ever more marketable commodity. Your eggs! Yes I would not lie to you. there was an ad in the Village Voice last week offering, are you ready for this, \$10,000 for eggs. A cool 10 g's for something that is currently going to waste. And my granny always said, "waste not, want not." Sorry boys, I tried to find you the same kind of cash cow but no luck. You'll just have to suffer from "ovary envy."

Finally, while it isn't wholly legal, you could sell organs. You only need one kidney. What can you do if the generous millionaire you gave it to is so overwhelmed with gratitude that he gives you a couple of million bucks? It was a gift, it would be rude not to accept it.

Love and marriage...or not

By **MICHAEL DONLEY**
Daily Nebraskan (U.
Nebraska)

(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. — I can't sleep. I roll around on my bed, but my demons chase and catch me.

"Michael, you are just afraid of commitment!" my now-ex-girlfriend screams as she storms out of my residence hall room and slams the door. (Bang!)

"You're never getting married, Mike. You're just too picky!" I jump out of bed, wide awake and sweating profusely. Ideas like divorce, commitment and broken marriage dance in my head like so many sugar plums. More marriage proposals occur on Valentine's Day than any other day of the year, and we are only seven long days away. To those thinking of matrimony, I give the same advice as I would to a man on the roof of a downtown parking garage, threatening to jump. DON'T DO IT unless you're really sure.

What's love got to do with it? A recent survey found only four percent of college students in America would be willing to get married without romantic love. Assuming our first prerequisite for marriage is love, how do we know when we are in love? Is it like the Supreme Court says about obscenity - you just know it when you see it?

One piece of advice I received when I asked a woman how she knew she was in love was, "When he walks in the room, my heart skips a beat." I replied that I knew three women who had this effect on me. "Maybe you should

move to Utah then," was her response.

I do think people should be in love before they get married, unfortunately I don't think I can define the term. Let me pull out my dictionary. Here we are, "A deep tender feeling of affection and solicitude toward a person." Solicitude? Weird word, good idea. The truth is we all need our own definition of love, and if you have one that works, more power to you.

Staying single is an option. Nowadays, two-thirds of women in the 20 to 24 age range have never been married. That percentage has doubled since 1970. So, as a generation, we are waiting longer to get married. And that's a good thing. People our age should wait.

What do we know about the people we date? Are they going to be successful in life? What kind of parents will they make? Shouldn't we have the answers to these questions before we forever link our lives to someone? Yes, we should. Of course we can't wait forever, but for my money, I would like to see how a person handles life in the "real world," and not the show on MTV, before I buy.

Divorce is a reality. We can't afford to fall into the it-will-never-happen-to-me trap. The divorce rate is 10 times higher than it was a century ago and about half of us will experience the big D in our lifetime. Personally, this is my biggest reason for waiting to get hitched. My parents have been married nearly 35 years and, if at all possible, I would like to pull

this off myself.

As I see it, the biggest factor here is picking the right spouse, and I don't want to be rash. Maybe I'm a little abnormal; okay, that's a definite, but one of the first things I look for in a relationship and eventual marriage is stability. Not, "Can I be happy when I look at this person" or "Is she going to look like her mother," but "Can I live with this person for 80 years?" The my-needs-first attitude is the worst byproduct of American culture. We have to make sure we see the bigger picture.

No government policy can save our marriages. Though I have been wrongly accused of being a liberal from time to time, the government cannot help strengthen marriage and the family. Rises in divorce and the general weakening of the family since the '60s have occurred, despite government spending in this area, which has increased five-fold. The only person that can increase the chances of your marriage working is you.

The BIG decision needs to be made very carefully. I have thought of marriage three times in my life. The first was when I graduated from high school. The second was when I left the military to attend this great university (no sarcasm here). And strangely enough, this column appears as I prepare to depart college.

Is it a coincidence that I have sought stability when major life changes were on the horizon? Probably not. So, to all my good brothers and sisters in the audience, if you are thinking of proposing, or accepting a proposal, next Monday on Valentine's Day - DON'T DO IT! If it's a good decision now, it will still be a good decision in a year.

Campus Voices

Each week the feature staff of *The Flashlight* will be hitting the campus and finding out what YOU think.

"Why do you think the number of students rushing social fraternities and sororities has recently decreased?"
Campus Voices asked two independents and two Greeks
for their opinions on this issue.

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"Because it's a dry campus and because not too many people are interested in becoming Greek anymore."
 Chris Dyno, sophomore, psychology, independent

"I think that people don't know what to expect when pledging. People don't realize the advantages of being in a fraternity or a sorority."
 Stan Chotkowski, senior, CJA, Phi Kappa Sigma



"I think it has gone down because the campus is repressing Greeks and giving us a bad reputation and the national average is down."
 Kate Morris, junior,
 elementary education, Alpha Sigma Tau

"Because people want to be individuals and because of it being a dry campus."
 Stephanie Coley, sophomore,
 communication, independent



An off campus smile

By VALERIE THOMAS
 Flashlight Writer

Elizabeth Borden is her name, but her friends like to call her Betty. She has lived here in Mansfield, next to Lambda Chi, for five years. She used to work at Manser Hall for fourteen and a half years, serving us the best food possible, and having an honest interest in the students.

Before Mrs. Borden came to Mansfield, she eloped with her first husband to Maryland to get married at a tender age of seventeen. When they returned home, her mother-in-law didn't care much for Betty.

She got married during the depression and her husband, needing to find work, went off to Connecticut, leaving Betty to fend for herself. She then decided that she would return to Lock haven where she held a job. The two haven't spoken until about a year

ago, when she found out that his current wife had died. Betty sent him a nice card and since then the two have been keeping in contact. She even gets to see him once awhile, an event that makes her eyes light up.

During her second marriage Borden adopted four children. At a early stage in her marriage she thought that she was not going to be able to have children, so she figured adoption would be the next best thing. After she had adopted her fourth child, she found out she was pregnant and was very happy since she has so much love to share. Less than two years later she had another child.

Since her childhood she moved around quite a bit, first living in Snowshoe. She then moved to Beach Creek to live with her grandmother, then to Lock haven, then to Wellsboro where her second husband died. She eventually moved to Mansfield and in 1977 her

oldest daughter and mother died within a week of each other and her nerves were shot. She couldn't handle working anymore so she retired. Her daughter died from leukemia which is very hard for her to talk about. Borden has thirteen grandchildren. She also has family which lives down the road and granddaughter which visits her often.

Betty owns a dog of twelve years named Hector, and he is a very lively dog. She enjoys keeping in touch with a woman she use to work with in the cafeteria and they have girls night out, gossiping till all hours of the evening.

She likes to talk to all of the students that pass by her door and never fails to greet them with a warm smile. If you have an extra minute, stop and say hello. Hey, the worst that could happen is she might invite you in for some cocoa. Don't forget to say hello to Hector!

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Mark your calendars---HIV/AIDS Testing

Held in Cedarcrest room G7A from 9-11:30 & 1-3 p.m. on February 9 and 23, March 3 and 22, and April 12.

EdgeCity Literary Magazine Submissions

Poems, short stories and essays are needed for this year's edition. All submissions are due by March 3. Place submissions in the bin marked *Edge City* in the Belknap Hall faculty mailbox. For info, call Amy at 662-2836.

Scholarships

Applications for MU Scholarships are available through the Office of Financial Planning, 104 Alumni Hall. Please pick up your application shortly. The scholarship deadline is March 15, 2000.

Attention All Funded Organizations

The COF will be holding a budget information meeting in North Dining on Tuesday, February 22 at 7 p.m. If you are a funded organization, you are required to attend this meeting. Questions? Call Donna at x4930.

Want to advertise?

If you would like to advertise in the *Crossroads* 2000 Magazine, please call Christine at 662-0124.

Students needed for participation in MU study

The committees that will complete the accreditation self-study (done every 10 years) for MU seek students for help. This is a valuable opportunity and a good resume builder. The study begins with a planning process this semester and freshmen and sophomore student help is preferred. Send a letter expressing your interest to Dr. Peter A. Keller, Middle States Accreditation Self-Study Coordinator, c/o Department of Psychology, 407 South Hall. Include a resume if you have one. Apply no later than Feb. 10. Questions? Call Dr. Keller at x4772.

Spring Fling 2000

April 28! Mark your calendars and stay tuned to WNTF-FM and *The Flashlight* for more details!

Time Capsule

SGA has extended the deadline for time capsule submissions. A letter will be sent to all student organizations regarding the new due date.

The Harrisburg Internship Semester

State agencies and legislators' offices in Harrisburg are looking for one outstanding MU undergraduate junior or senior with a GPA of at least 3.0 for a 15 credit internship. Recipient will receive \$5,500 to cover costs of tuition and room and board. Housing is available and commuting is permitted. A wide range of placements are available for students in any major. Contact Dr. Richard Feil, South Hall 405 or x4773 by March 3.

Free Film Double Feature

Come to Allen Lecture Hall on Saturday, February 12. At 2 p.m., see *She's Got It*, Spike Lee's first feature film about Nola Darling, a young independent woman pursued by three very different lovers. Then at 4 p.m., see *Down in the Delta*, Maya Angelou's directorial debut about an unemployed, unmarried mother of two whose life unexpectedly changed during a summer visit to her family down south. Sponsored by the African-American Arts Festival, the Provost's Office and MAC.

Want to be famous at MU? Want to voice your opinion?

Campus Voices wants you! Pictures and quotes are taken weekly at 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., Tuesday afternoons, in Lower Manser. If you're interested in participating look for the girls with the camera. Also, if you have an idea for a weekly question call X4986 and ask for Jenna or Stacey. Remember, only four lucky faces are needed each week so smile and make your voices heard.

Info to go is free to all campus organizations and community members. It's purpose is a public service announcement page -- no advertisements will be printed. The Flashlight reserves the right to edit the length of the announcement. Please place your announcements in the Info to go envelope on the door of 217 Memorial Hall or e-mail it to flashlight35@hotmail.com -- Please label it "Info to go Announcement" and include a contact person and phone number.

Flashlight Futures

By MARISSA MICKELBERG
Flashlight Psychic

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Aquarius • 1/21 - 2/19

You're in for good fortune this week. Keep your optimistic point of view and things will start happening. Also, plan now for your romantic rendezvous with that special someone. All places will be booked by next weekend if you don't start looking around now. BEATLES SONG THAT MOST REPRESENTS YOU: "Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds"

Pisces • 2/20 - 3/21

Someone has the hots for you! Is it that cutie at Manser in the booth behind you? Don't stare! Casually turn your head to look. You like what you see? Why don't you offer to flex him/her a Rice Krispie Treat? This could be the start of a beautiful relationship! BEATLES SONG THAT MOST REPRESENTS YOU: "I Wanna Hold Your Hand"

Aries • 3/22 - 4/20

Get a clue, Aries! What you've been wishing for recently will never happen. Whether it's to steal the heart of the guy/gal sitting next to you in Bio who is practically engaged, or winning the lottery so you can pay your bud back \$150 for losing the Superbowl bet you made. You need to start making reasonable wishes. BEATLES SONG THAT MOST REPRESENTS YOU: "While My Guitar Gently Weeps"

Taurus • 4/21 - 5/21

Your bull-headedness is coming out once again. The stars say that it's going to be a rough rest of the week for you if you don't calm down and let others have an opinion. Even if you think it's the stupidest thing, you need to give him/her respect. Bite your tongue until it bleeds, if you have to. But don't come crying to me when Soldiers and Sailors merely handed you a gauze pad and a bill. BEATLES SONG THAT MOST REPRESENTS YOU: "Help!"

Gemini • 5/22 - 6/21

Be sure to follow your instincts when a sticky situation comes up. You may find yourself in a bit of trouble this weekend. Remember to consider a) your gut feelings, b) your self-reliance, and c) the law (anything that is illegal, you'll want to stay away from)

BEATLES SONG THAT MOST REPRESENTS YOU: "Let It Be"

Cancer • 6/22 - 7/23

You feel like a parent to some of your friends, right? Like, you're the only smart, reliable, sensible one in the group? This may be a shock to you, but it's what you're good at! You're a natural leader and people look to you for courage and company. BEATLES SONG THAT MOST REPRESENTS YOU: "Lady Madonna"

Leo • 7/24 - 8/23

Have you been skipping out lately? On classes? Work? With the Leo constellation low in the sky, it spells stress for you. Lions have a sense to lie down and sleep their way through a job. You just need to gain your confidence, gather your strength, and concentrate on getting things done.

BEATLES SONG THAT MOST REPRESENTS YOU: "Day In The Life"

Virgo • 8/24 - 9/23

Be a people person this week! Enjoy your friendly nature and your congeniality, others do! You might want to provide a little gift for your buds this weekend. Maybe get a little artsy-craftsy. You're a creative person, figure something out! BEATLES SONG THAT MOST REPRESENTS YOU: "Seagent Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band"

Libra • 9/24 - 10/23

Add some spice to you and your life by calling a friend you haven't talked to in a long time. Or write a letter, you know how people are about getting mail. Maybe make some Spring Break plans to get together. If anything, it makes people feel better when they communicate after long periods of time. You wouldn't want to end up on "A Reunion", would you?

BEATLES SONG THAT MOST REPRESENTS YOU: "Ob La Di, Ob La Da"

Scorpio • 10/24 - 11/22

Mirror, mirror on the wall, where will you be by next fall? Seriously considering a move to somewhere? Good! You're an adult, it's really all up to you. Gather the money you have and move to Rio De Janeiro! And if you're not into the exotic places, maybe home is where you'll end up.

BEATLES SONG THAT MOST REPRESENTS YOU: "Penny Lane"

Sagittarius • 11/23 - 12/22

You're going to be having some technical difficulties this week. E-mail won't be working properly, fire alarm might go off once or twice, you won't be able to find your remote or cordless phone, and your micro-fridge will blow up. Sorry. You're just not electrically compatible.

BEATLES SONG THAT MOST REPRESENTS YOU: "Hey, Jude"

Capricorn • 12/23 - 1/20

Watch your tush this week. Try to accommodate your boss to make things go more smoothly. Romance is coming with the Ides Of March, so be patient. (And if you don't know what the Ides Of March are, you're in a culture ditch, and need to read some Shakespeare.) BEATLES SONG THAT MOST REPRESENTS YOU:

"Strawberry Fields Forever"

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Flashlight Sports

Men's team continues streak at seven games

By Nicole Cortese
Flashlight Writer

Mansfield—Despite tough losses this past week, the Mountaineers came out on top, with Tommy Harvey (Pottstown/Pottstown) breaking MU's career scoring record with 1,629 points against Kutztown University and scoring a game-high of 23 points against West Chester University.

The Mountaineers lost a heart-wrenching game against Kutztown last Wednesday evening dropping a 98-91 decision in the PSAC East conference. This matchup was nothing less than exciting, as Harvey and the rest of the Mountaineer team came to give the crowd a show.

Coming into this game, Harvey was in need of only 13 points. He never imagined these would be the hardest 13 points too score, as he was

held to only three points at the half.

As the second half began, Harvey's 14 points awaited him. He scored a quick nine points on two three-point plays, then sank a three-point basket with 10:59 remaining in regulation. His last two, record breaking points came on a layup sank in traffic with 3:19 left on the clock. Chris Venning (1983-86) was the last Mountaineer to hold the record with 1,624 points.

Alex Goodman (New Freedom/Susquehanna) dipped in a layup to give Mansfield a late second half lead by 10 points, before Kutztown came back to rally with a five-point lead, with 3:38 left in the game. Goodman would rally once again, when he sank a three-point shot, to give the Mountaineers a one point advantage with only seconds remaining in play. Mansfield's hopes of a win would be crushed with 55 seconds left, as Kutztown's

Reggie Cox hammered a three-pointer to run away with the win.

Damoun Lopez (York/William Penn) had a team-high of 20 points, hammering five of 10 from three-point range, while his brother Damar got on the board with 15 points. Goodman also scored 15 points, along with the game-high nine rebounds, while Demontrick Doddles (York/William Penn) chimed in with 17 points.

The Golden Bears shot 57% from the field and 11 for 22 from the free throw line. They also outrebounded the Mounties 34-26.

It was one adrenaline rush after another, as MU took on first-place West Chester falling 92-89 in their second PSAC East matchup last week. It was a race to the finish line, as the Mountaineers played their hearts out until the buzzer sounded.

"What I like about this team is that they don't quit," exclaimed Head Coach Vince



Demontrick Doddles and the Mountaineers search for winning elixir

Alexander. "We've played well enough to win, and should have won. Our goal is to make the PSAC playoffs and that goal is still obtainable."

The Mountaineers went into the half with a 40-39 lead, after making a 24-13 run on West Chester, but the second half consisted of nail-

biting action. Goodman sank a pair of free throws to give the Mounties a short-lived five point lead, before West Chester took control 89-81 with 43 seconds left in the game. MU answered right back with Harvey hammering two free throws and Kevin Perluk (Wilkes-Barre/Coughlin) drilling a three-pointer. WCU answered with two points, but with 11 seconds winding down, the Mounties came within two off of a Harvey steal of an in bound pass. The game ended when Mansfield lost the ball with just two seconds on the clock.

Perluk racked up 13 points, sinking everything he threw up, while Doddles scored 12 and had four assists.

The men's basketball team will travel to East Stroudsburg University to end a double-header on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. in another PSAC East conference game.

Ladies lose two tough games

By Nicole Cortese
Flashlight Writer

Mansfield—As quick as the Lady Mountaineers took control of the PSAC East conference, is as quick as the conference is taking control of them now. The Lady Mountaineers fell to Kutztown and West Chester University this past week in tough conference play.

The Lady Mounties lost a competitive battle against Kutztown University last Wednesday evening, 71-57. The Nichols sisters, Jennifer and Heather, (East Smithfield/Athens) scored 13 points each, helping Mansfield's late first half lead. Mansfield was up 23-22 before Kutztown made a 7-2 scoring run to take the lead, 29-25. This would end the first half of conference play.

Kutztown picked up the second half where they left off in the first, sinking their first nine baskets. This gave the Golden Bears a 13-point advantage over the Lady Mountaineers.

The determination of the Mounties would not leave these points unanswered, as freshman forward Niki Snyder (Lewistown/Lewistown) would score five points to ignite a 12-2 run, bringing them within three points of the lead. Unfortunately, Kutztown would



Photo provided

Lynelle Mosely and the Lady Mounties have an easier slate ahead this week.

hammer 11 of their last 14 free throws to freeze the Lady Mountaineers and cap the win.

Power forward/center Brandy Lingenfelter (Altoona/Altoona) grabbed a game-high of 11 boards and scored eight points. Lingenfelter played tough on defense holding Keri Suydam of Kutztown to only four points in the first half of play. Suydam, who averages 17 points a game, finished with 18, along with fellow teammate Brianne Hoymak.

First-play Kutztown also played well on defense, holding Mansfield's leading scorer Allyson Buss (Nazareth/Notre Dame) to only eight points, but Buss went five for five at the free throw line.

After losing a tough

game to Kutztown, the Lady Mountaineers traveled to West Chester University to get schooled on the WCU playground, falling 81-51, in PSAC East conference play Saturday afternoon.

During the first half, the Lady Mountaineers went head to head with the Golden Rams. Mansfield was the owner of a 12-1 spurt led by Jennifer Nichols's five points. This tied conference play at 26, to end the stanza.

The second half had WCU written all over it, as West Chester got their sweet revenge, taking a 46-32 advantage over MU. West Chester's lead never fell out of double figures for the rest of the game, as they outscored Mansfield 55-25 in the second half. They shot 66% from the field and pulled down 49 rebounds to Mansfield's 32. The Lady Mountaineers were forced into 34 turnovers, seven of them coming from Carolyn Rozich, who led WCU with 17 points.

Buss scored the team-high of 10 points for MU, and Lingenfelter came through underneath with six points and seven rebounds.

Mansfield will hike to East Stroudsburg on Wednesday at 6 p.m., in hopes to secure a win in their third straight PSAC East conference matchup.

This week's events in Mountie Sports

Men's Basketball:
Wed. @ East Stroudsburg
Sat. vs. Edinboro

Women's Basketball:
Wed. @ East Stroudsburg
Sat. @ Pitt-Johnstown

Indoor Track:
Sat. @ Cornell

Stroke, Stroke, Stroke

Special to the Flashlight

Freshman Jen Markert (Royersford/Spring-Ford) set two school and pool records, but the Mansfield University swimming team fell 99-92 to visiting East Stroudsburg University Saturday in a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) meet.

Markert set records by winning the 100 fly in 1:02.38 and 500 free in 5:32.49. She also won the 1,000 free in 11:16.68, and was part of the MU 400-med-

ley relay winning team.

Senior Jaime Ragukonis (Dallas/Bishop Hoban) won the 50-free (25:70-a pool record) and the 100 free (56:30) in her last home meet as a Mountie. Cristina Jacome (Quito, Ecuador/American School of Quito) won the 100 back in 1:02.07.

Mansfield (3-8/1-4 PSAC) won seven of the 11 events, but ESU's depth was deciding factor. The Mounties will now prepare for the PSAC Swimming Championships February 17-19 at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Flashlight Sports Trivia Twister

Category: Pro Hockey

Who is the NHL's all-time leader in victories by a goalie?

Last week's answer:
The Chicago Bears

See next week's issue for NBA update by guest writer

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ESPN Men's Top 25

1. Cincinnati (22-1)
2. Stanford (19-1)
3. Duke (18-2)
4. Syracuse (19-0)
5. Michigan State (17-5)
6. Ohio State (16-3)
7. Arizona (19-4)
8. Auburn (19-3)
9. (tie) Tennessee (18-2)
9. (tie) Indiana (17-3)
11. Florida (17-4)
12. Connecticut (16-5)
13. Oklahoma State (18-2)
14. Kentucky (17-5)
15. Tulsa (22-2)
16. Texas (15-6)
17. Oklahoma (18-3)
17. Kansas (17-5)
19. Temple (16-4)
20. Utah (17-4)
21. Iowa State (19-3)
22. Maryland (16-6)
23. Vanderbilt (15-4)
24. NC State (15-5)
25. LSU (17-4)

ESPN Women's Top 25

1. Connecticut (20-1)
2. Georgia (23-2)
3. Louisiana Tech (17-2)
4. Tennessee (19-3)
5. Notre Dame (19-2)
6. Penn State (19-3)
7. Texas Tech (18-2)
8. NC State (18-4)
9. Iowa State (17-3)
10. Duke (18-4)
11. LSU (18-3)
12. Rutgers (15-4)
13. Auburn (17-5)
14. UC-Santa Barbara (19-3)
15. Arizona (18-3)
16. Old Dominion (16-4)
17. UCLA (13-6)
18. Boston College (18-5)
19. Mississippi State (17-4)
20. Purdue (16-5)
21. Illinois (17-8)
22. Tulane (19-3)
23. Virginia (17-5)
24. Kansas (16-5)
25. Oklahoma (19-3)

National Hockey League Standings

| Eastern Conference | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|----|------|
| Atlantic | W | L | T | Pts. |
| New Jersey | 35 | 15 | 5 | 75 |
| Philadelphia | 26 | 15 | 10 | 63 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 23 | 23 | 7 | 56 |
| Pittsburgh | 23 | 25 | 4 | 55 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 13 | 33 | 6 | 33 |

| Northeast | | | | |
|-----------|----|----|----|------|
| | W | L | T | Pts. |
| Toronto | 30 | 18 | 6 | 69 |
| Ottawa | 25 | 19 | 9 | 61 |
| Boston | 17 | 22 | 13 | 51 |
| Buffalo | 20 | 25 | 6 | 47 |
| Montreal | 17 | 25 | 7 | 43 |

| Southeast | | | | |
|------------|----|----|---|------|
| | W | L | T | Pts. |
| Florida | 30 | 18 | 4 | 67 |
| Washington | 25 | 18 | 8 | 59 |
| Carolina | 21 | 25 | 8 | 50 |
| Tampa Bay | 12 | 33 | 6 | 35 |
| Atlanta | 11 | 35 | 6 | 32 |

| Western Conference | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|---|------|
| Central | W | L | T | Pts. |
| St. Louis | 33 | 14 | 6 | 72 |
| Detroit | 31 | 16 | 6 | 69 |
| Nashville | 20 | 28 | 6 | 50 |
| Chicago | 18 | 27 | 7 | 45 |

| Northwest | | | | |
|-----------|----|----|----|------|
| | W | L | T | Pts. |
| Colorado | 26 | 20 | 8 | 61 |
| Edmonton | 18 | 22 | 13 | 56 |
| Calgary | 23 | 24 | 6 | 54 |
| Vancouver | 15 | 27 | 10 | 46 |

| Pacific | | | | |
|-------------|----|----|---|------|
| | W | L | T | Pts. |
| Phoenix | 29 | 18 | 6 | 65 |
| Dallas | 29 | 19 | 5 | 65 |
| San Jose | 22 | 27 | 7 | 58 |
| Los Angeles | 23 | 21 | 7 | 56 |
| Anaheim | 22 | 24 | 8 | 1 |

NBA Standings

| Eastern Conference | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|------|------|
| Atlantic | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| Miami | 29 | 17 | .630 | — |
| New York | 28 | 17 | .622 | .5 |
| Philadelphia | 26 | 21 | .553 | 3.5 |
| Orlando | 22 | 26 | .458 | 8 |
| Boston | 21 | 26 | .447 | 8.5 |
| New Jersey | 18 | 29 | .383 | 11.5 |
| Washington | 15 | 33 | .313 | 15 |

| Central | | | | |
|-----------|----|----|------|------|
| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| Indiana | 30 | 16 | .652 | — |
| Charlotte | 25 | 20 | .556 | 4.5 |
| Toronto | 25 | 20 | .556 | 4.5 |
| Milwaukee | 26 | 22 | .542 | 5 |
| Detroit | 24 | 23 | .511 | 6.5 |
| Cleveland | 19 | 28 | .404 | 11.5 |
| Atlanta | 18 | 27 | .400 | 11.5 |
| Chicago | 10 | 33 | .222 | 19.5 |

| Western Conference | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|------|------|
| Midwest | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| San Antonio | 30 | 17 | .638 | — |
| Utah | 28 | 18 | .609 | 1.5 |
| Minnesota | 27 | 18 | .600 | 2 |
| Denver | 21 | 24 | .467 | 8 |
| Dallas | 20 | 27 | .426 | 10 |
| Houston | 19 | 29 | .396 | 11.5 |
| Vancouver | 13 | 33 | .283 | 16.5 |

| Pacific | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| Portland | 36 | 11 | .776 | — |
| L.A. Lakers | 35 | 11 | .761 | .5 |
| Seattle | 30 | 19 | .612 | 7 |
| Sacramento | 28 | 18 | .609 | 7.5 |
| Phoenix | 27 | 19 | .587 | 8.5 |
| Golden State | 12 | 33 | .267 | 23 |
| L.A. Clippers | 11 | 36 | .234 | 25 |



NBA scoring leader, Allen Iverson

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Top NBA rookie, Steve Francis

Steve Dipaola/NBA photos

Biscuits and Gravy for this week

St. Louis Rams coach, Dick Vermeil, retired Wednesday morning. Vermeil will be replaced by offensive coordinator **Mike Martz**. Martz had recently signed a two-year extension with the team.

PSAC Standings

MEN

| Eastern Division | PSAC | Total |
|------------------|------|-------|
| West Chester | 6-1 | 15-4 |
| Millersville | 5-2 | 9-9 |
| Bloomsburg | 4-2 | 15-4 |
| Cheyney | 4-3 | 11-8 |
| East Stroudsburg | 3-4 | 5-14 |
| MANSFIELD | 1-6 | 10-10 |
| Kutztown | 1-5 | 7-13 |

WOMEN

| Eastern Division | PSAC | Total |
|------------------|------|-------|
| Millersville | 6-1 | 15-5 |
| Kutztown | 5-2 | 15-4 |
| Bloomsburg | 4-2 | 11-8 |
| West Chester | 4-3 | 9-10 |
| MANSFIELD | 3-4 | 5-15 |
| East Stroudsburg | 2-5 | 10-11 |
| Cheney | 0-7 | 2-16 |

Vermeil becomes the fifth coach to retire after a Super Bowl victory joining **Vince Lombardi**, **Bill Walsh**, **Bill Parcells**, and **Jimmy Johnson**. **Kansas City Chiefs** wide receiver, **Tamarick Vanover**, and former Chiefs running back, **Bam Morris**, were linked to a federal drug investigation. The connection was due to Vanover's personal assistant, **Greg Burns**. Burns was recently arrested for conspiracy to distribute cocaine and marijuana in the Kansas City area. Neither Vanover or Morris has been charged. **Baltimore Ravens** linebacker, **Ray Lewis**' murder hearing in the stabbing deaths of two men, has been postponed until February 24 at the prosecutor's request. Lewis' defensive team is attempting to get the murder charges dismissed. Lewis is currently being held in Atlanta without bail. The **Miami Dolphins** announced **Chan Galey** as their new offensive

coordinator. Galey held the same post for the **Pittsburgh Steelers**, where his offense went to Super Bowl XXX. Galey was just recently released as the **Dallas Cowboys** head coach. The **NCAA** suspended **UCLA** forward **Jaron Rush** for the remainder of this season, and the first 17 games of next season. Rush was suspended for allegedly receiving illegal benefits as an AAU player while in high school. **UCLA** is appealing the suspension. The **New Orleans Saints** announced the hiring of Pittsburgh defensive coordinator **Jim Haslett**. Coincidentally, Haslett is close with new Saints general manager, **Randy Mueller**. **Carolina Panthers** running back, **Fred Lane**, was arrested for possession of a deadly weapon. Police pulled Lane over for a moving viola-

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Derrick Thomas dies at 33

Darren A. DeVoue
Sports Editor

Nine-time Pro Bowl linebacker Derrick Thomas died Tuesday morning at Jackson Memorial Hospital, while recovering from a car crash that left him paralyzed from the chest down. Thomas' team, the Kansas City Chiefs, said Thomas died as a result of a heart. However, they would not comment as to what the cause was. Doctor's were expected to discuss the matter in-depth later in

the day.

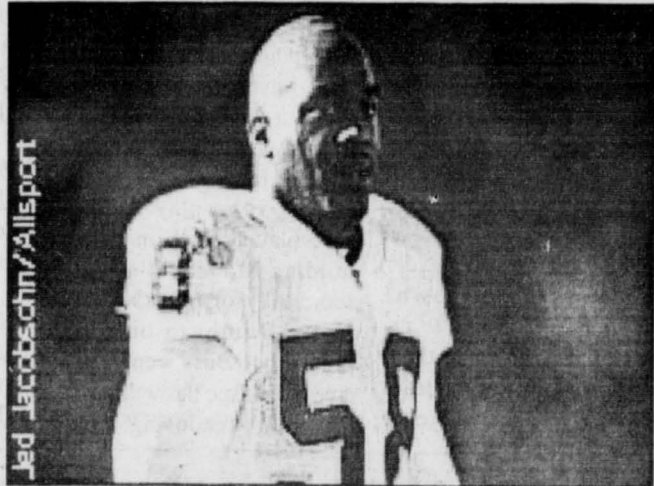
Thomas's paralysis was a result of a one-car crash in Kansas City while he and two friends were on their way to the airport to make it to the NFC Championship Game.

Thomas and Mike Tellis were not wearing their seatbelts. Tellis died from the crash. A third man in the backseat, who was wearing his belt, sustained minor injuries.

Thomas was one of the most feared pass rushers in recent

times. He spent his entire professional career with the Chiefs. Thomas teamed with former teammate, Neil Smith to form the most devastating pass-rushing combinations of the 1990's.

He holds the NFL single-game record for sacks with seven. He attended the University of Alabama, where he finished his career as the NCAA all time leader in sacks. Tedy Bruschi, of the New England Patriots, broke the record in 1994.



9-time Pro Bowl linebacker, Derrick Thomas

This week's happenings in the Men's Top 25

By Darren A. DeVoue
Sports Editor

Number one Cincinnati rolled off two Conference USA road wins this past week. The first came at UNC-Charlotte (70-62), where the Bearcats had lost two consecutive games. This week, Cincy will rest their legs until Sunday when high-flying DePaul comes to town.

Second-ranked Stanford rolled through L.A. scoring double-digit wins over Southern Cal (67-57) and UCLA (78-63). The Cardinal will likely be up two more wins as they host Oregon and Oregon State this week.

After pounding Virginia (106-86), Duke traveled to in-state rival North Carolina and took a tough 90-86 overtime victory. This week the Dookies will host number 22 Maryland. After which they go to Georgia Tech. The Blue Devils have won 59 straight games against unranked opponents, and are 49-3 in their last 52 ACC games.

Undefeated number four Syracuse spanked lowly Providence (74-58) and outlasted St. John's (63-57). The 'Cuse gets busy this week as they will host scrappy Seton Hall then travel to Louisville and come home for UCLA.

Fifth ranked Michigan State is starting to find its groove. Take a gander at these numbers; the Spartans have beaten their last five opponents by 24, 30, 25, 20, and 19 points. The Spartans held them to 38.7 percent shooting and outmuscled them on the boards

with a 20.2 per game advantage. Two of those teams were then number seven ranked UConn and then number eight Ohio State. This week the Spartans will face road tests at Purdue and Wisconsin.

Number six Ohio State defeated Wisconsin for the fifth straight time (51-48), putting up their lowest scoring output in a conference win since 1982. The Buckeyes then gave reeling Michigan the business with a 88-67 road win. This week OSU hosts Iowa and Penn State.

Seventh-ranked Arizona swept the state of Oregon beating Oregon State (90-73) and Oregon (77-71). This week the Wildcats go to Washington and Washington State where they have had trouble in the past.

Number eight Auburn feasted on unranked Arkansas (73-55) and Alabama (77-63). Up next for the tigers is number 25 LSU.

Number nine Tennessee went 1-1 this week beating Mississippi State (88-81) then losing to then number 17 Kansas (81-68). The Vols stay at home this week for Georgia and eleventh-ranked Florida.

Indiana jumped up two spots to number ten, pounding pitiful Northwestern (89-67) and besting Penn State (87-77). The Northwestern win moved coach Bobby Knight to 760 all-time, pushing him into fifth all-time. He's seven more wins shy of tying fourth place. He only figures to get closer as the Hoosiers travel to Minnesota and accommodating Michigan.

Number 11 Florida rolled up two wins last week

against Georgia (85-66) and South Carolina (86-82). The Gators have a tough week ahead as they host number 14 Kentucky and travel to ninth-ranked Tennessee.

Michigan State ambushed twelfth-ranked UConn (85-66) and it wasn't that close. They recovered with a 74-60 road win against Villanova. The Huskies will continue to lick their wounds against Boston College and at Notre Dame.

Oklahoma State defeated Texas A&M (87-55) and Texas Tech (63-59) last week. This week, the Big XXII slate gets tougher as they host eighteenth-ranked Kansas and number 17 Oklahoma.

Number 14 Kentucky is acquiring momentum beating South Carolina (76-63) and number nine Tennessee (81-68). Now the Wildcats need it for number 11 Florida and a trip to number 25 LSU.

Fifteenth-ranked Tulsa will likely strike up a win this week against Rice. Last week they abused Texas Christian (103-70) and Southern Methodist (70-59).

Number 16 Texas got up a win over UMass (68-57) and got taken over seventeenth ranked Oklahoma's knee (59-83). Up next is conference tomato can Texas Tech, and a trip to Missouri; a trip to Mizzou is usually a minefield for conference foes.

Oklahoma's two wins over Baylor (68-59) and then number 13 Texas did not help them advance in the rankings. That may change this week as the host Kansas State and thirteenth-ranked Oklahoma State



Photo courtesy of AP.

Undefeated Syracuse has a tough week ahead.

Kansas slipped from fifteen to eighteen after having their kick at Texas Tech (87-62) and dropping a game to Iowa (69-77). The Jayhawks look to regain traditional form against number 13 Oklahoma State and Kansas State this week.

Number 19 Temple is flexing some muscle after two consecutive blowout wins over Rhode Island (74-40) and old nemesis UMass (75-48). The Owls are on a seven game winning streak. They have not allowed over 50 points in that stretch. It will probably stretch to eight as they host Fordham this Thursday. This weekend's game against number 22 Maryland is one the Owls will have to fight for.

Twentieth ranked Utah had their 23 game winning streak against conference opponents snapped with a (72-66) loss at UNLV. The Utes came back and beat new Mexico 82-70. Utah will have to start an-

other streak this week, beginning with San Diego State and Brigham Young.

Number 21 Iowa State jumped up 3 spots from last week and all they had to do was smack Kansas State 85-67. This week, the Cyclones take a trip to Mizzou and host Nebraska.

Maryland defeated then number 22 NC State (78-73) and Virginia (91-79). This week, ouch! The Terps must travel to third-ranked Duke and number 19 Temple; two of the best defensive teams in the country.

Vanderbilt's wins over Boston College (76-58) and Georgia (67-58) did not make an impression on the pollsters. This week might not be much different as they host Mississippi State and travel to Alabama.

NC State will get a chance to jockey for better ACC tourney position this week. Last week State was .500 losing to then number 21 Maryland (78-73) and besting Florida State (68-58). This week they host slumping rival North Carolina and hopeless Virginia.

Say goodbye to the Top 25 LSU. The Tiger beat Alabama (93-60) and then dropped a home game to Mississippi State (66-68). This week number eight Auburn and fourteenth-ranked Kentucky come to Baton Rouge.

Now is the time of the year teams look to bolster their RPI ratings, etc., etc. "Why," you might ask. It's approximately a month left until Selection Sunday when NCAA tournament bids are bestowed upon the nation's 64 best teams. Then the fun will really ensue.

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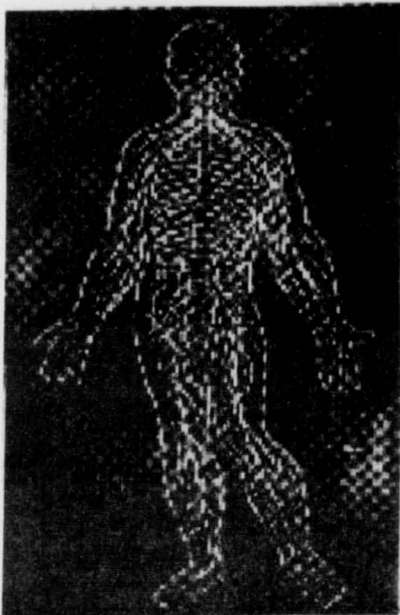
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Moss makes toast, as NFC wins Pro Bowl 51-31

HONOLULU (AP)

Randy Moss came up big against the AFC's best defensive backs.

The Minnesota receiver set records with nine catches for 212 yards, and Mike Alstott scored three touchdowns in the NFC's 51-31 victory Sunday, in the highest-scoring Pro Bowl ever.

"We had a lot of fun," said Moss, selected the Most Valuable Player. "With Alstott rumbling through there, we did some good things. I'm not really into individual awards and things like that, but I guess I'll take them when they come."

The six-foot, four inch Vikings star used his height advantage to outleap the AFC defensive backs, particularly five foot, 11 inch Sam Madison of Miami, and six foot James Hasty of Kansas City.

"He's one of the best," Madison said. "They put him in a situation to make plays, and that's what he did."

Moss' last catch was a 25-yard touchdown reception from Carolina's Steve Beuerlein with 1:05 to play that closed the scoring.

The score seemed to bring out some bad feelings between the two teams, who ac-

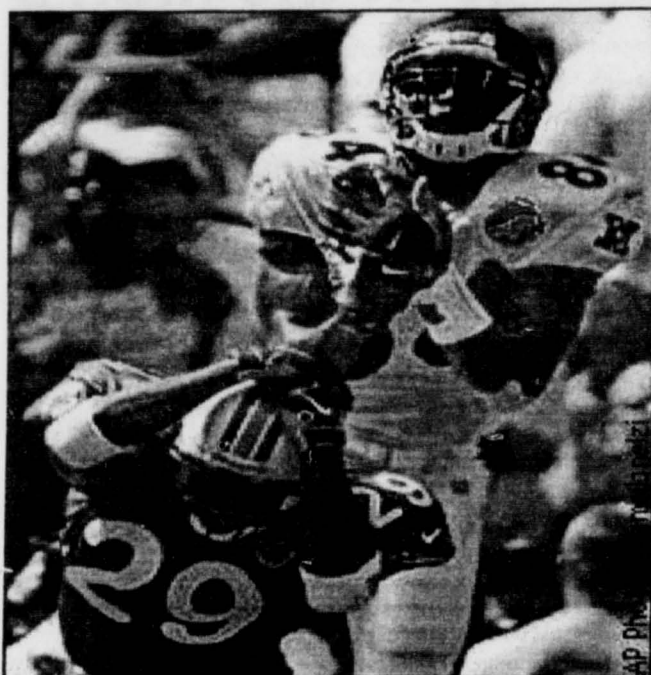


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Pro Bowl MVP, Randy Moss, set a game record for receiving yardage.

cused each other of breaking Pro Bowl rules that prevent blitzing and rushing the kicker.

Arizona's Aeneas Williams and Tampa Bay's Derrick Brooks returned interceptions for touchdowns as the NFC dominated the game from the start in snapping a three-game losing streak.

The 82 points broke the record of 64 set in 1980.

Alstott, the Tampa Bay fullback, scored on runs of one, three, and one yards. He finished with 13 carries for 67 yards.

"I'm making up for the last two Pro Bowls," Alstott said. "The last few years I've been here, we've been on the downside, so it's fun being on the upside."

Brooks picked off a

pass from Jacksonville's Mark Brunell and raced untouched 20 yards for a touchdown to make it 44-24 with 11:24 left.

Jaguars wide receiver Jimmy Smith caught three touchdown passes, and finished with eight catches for 119 yards. His last score, a 52-yarder from Indianapolis' Peyton Manning, made the score 44-31 with 6:30 to play.

"It's the Pro Bowl man. It's a chance to go out there and see what you can do. Fortunately, I did."

Manning had two touchdown passes and two interceptions, including the 62-yard return by Williams that gave the NFC a 7-0 lead less than three minutes into the game.

Williams had an open field after Colts receiver Marvin Harrison fell down, and raced down the left sideline for the score.

The next time the NFC had the ball, St. Louis quarterback, Kurt Warner, connected with Moss for 48 yards to put the ball on the AFC five yard-line. Warner, the Super Bowl MVP, was 8-of-11 for 123 yards.

Detroit's Jason Hanson kicked a 21 yard field goal to make it 10-0. He had three field goals on the day, including a 51-yarder at the end of the first half that tied a Pro Bowl record.

The AFC got on the board when Brunell teamed with Smith on a five-yard touchdown pass with 30 seconds left in the first quarter, capping a 68-yard drive in which Tennessee's Eddie George gained half of the yards.

The NFC pushed its lead to 17-7 three minutes into the second quarter on a one-yard run by Alstott, following a 46-yard pass from Warner to Moss.

After an exchange of turnovers, Oakland quarterback Rick Gannon connected with Kansas City tight end, Tony Gonzalez on a 10 yard pass to make it 17-14.

Glyn Milburn of the Chicago Bears returned a punt to the AFC 43, starting a five-play drive that saw Alstott score from the three yard-line, after running 27 yards on the previous play.

Manning then led the AFC on an 87-yard drive that ended with a 21-yard touchdown pass to Smith with 20 seconds left in the half.

A 66-yard return by Carolina's Michael Bates set up Hanson's 51-yarder as time expired.

Athlete Profile: Basketball's Tommy Harvey

By Darren A. DeVoue
Sports Editor

Growing up in Pottstown, PA as the youngest of eight children (five sisters, two brothers), Tommy Harvey had seven people more than willing to teach their youngest sibling lessons in toughness. Those lessons would serve him well as he started to look shop around for colleges. Harvey described it as tumultuous, due to his size (5'9" and 150 pounds) and his SAT scores. Harvey found a home in Mansfield when Vincent Jenkins, currently of Academic Advising, assisted in helping him visit MU. "My SAT scores were not the best coming out of high school," said Harvey. "I had to pass on schools such as Rutgers." Harvey's academic standing in college has steadily improved. Provost Joe Moore only knows him for his accomplishments on the hardwood, and not from "I'll be good this semester" meetings. As for the detractors who did not believe in Harvey due to his spindly appearance, they can now take their foot out of their mouth.

Harvey's accomplishments throughout his career as a four-year starter at MU speak volumes. His freshman year he was a six-time winner of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Rookie of the Week award, earned East College Athletic Conference (ECAC) South Rookie of the Year, and made All-PSAC East. His sophomore year, Harvey was runner-up for PSAC East Player of the Year, and again made all PSAC East. Last season, he again made

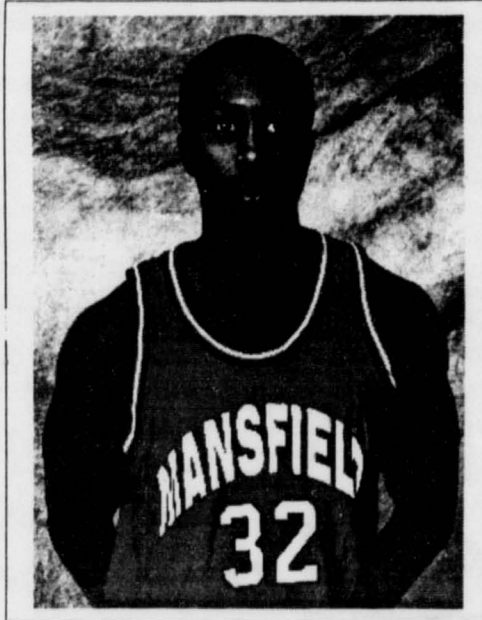


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MU senior guard, Tommy Harvey

All-PSAC East, as well as All-ECAC South, and was named to the Division II East All-Region team. Harvey started off this season as a preseason All-American, and won PSAC Player of the week honors in back-to-back weeks in December. Harvey just assumed school career records in free-throws, steals, three-point field goals, and scoring, cementing his place in MU history. "They can measure someone's height, weight and vertical jump," said Harvey. "But they cannot measure the heart and determination within someone. And I think I turned out to be a solid player."

Majoring in Criminal Justice Administration, Harvey will earn his degree in May. Afterwards, Harvey will entertain the offers that he has received from

teams overseas, as well as the Continental Basketball Association, and International Basketball Association to professionally play ball. Should that not work out, he intends to put his degree to use by being a youth counselor or probation officer. "I want to give something back, and help keep kids out of trouble... like people did for me," Harvey says.

As a member of the 1996-97 PSAC championship team and teams that fell short of that goal, Harvey remains determined. "This season is somewhat frustrating because I believe that this team has just as much talent as that championship team. We just have not been able to put it together. But we still can sneak into the playoffs and make things happen from there."

Special to the Flashlight

The Mansfield University's men's and women's indoor track and field teams competed at the Mary Phillips Memorial Invitational Saturday at SUNY-Fredonia.

Freshman Eric Hayford (Oscar, NH/Kingwood) posted the only first-place finish for the men's team, finishing the 1,000 meters in 2:41.56. Lamar Crawford (Philadelphia/Dobbins) placed second in the triple jump (41'8"), third in the 55-meter hurdles (8.23), and fourth in the long jump (20'10") and the high

jump (6'0"). Kyle Kintner (Towanda/Towanda) placed fifth in the long jump (20'3.5") and the pole vault (11'6"), and sixth in the 55-meter dash (7.05).

Alicia Davinsizer (Altoona/Tyrone) placed second for the women's team in the high jump (4'10"), while Brianne Liddick (Elmira, NY/Southside) took second in the 3,000 meters. Kim Carman (Trumansburg, NY/Dickerson) finished third in the high jump (4'8") and the pole vault (7'0"), while Mary Lasko (Athens/Athens) finished third in the 800 meters (2:44.04).

Mansfield is scheduled to travel to Cornell University Saturday, February 12.

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tion, and discovered a .22 caliber rifle in his car. Lane was released on bail... **New York Yankees** outfielder, **Derek Jeter**, agreed to a one-year, \$10 million deal with the team. Jeter will become a free-agent at the end of the 2001 season... **Chicago Bears** wide receiver, **Marcus Robertson**, re-signed with the team for the sum of \$14.5 million over 4 years. This past NFL season, Robertson set a club record for receiving yardage with 1400 yards. **Tampa Bay Buccaneers** fired offensive coordinator, **Mike Shula**. The Bucs offensive was one of the least productive in the

league this past season. Shula was fired in Hawaii, where he and the rest of the Bucs staff were for the **Pro Bowl**... The **U.S. Davis Cup team** avoided an embarrassing first round loss to **Zimbabwe**, recovering from a 2-1 deficit to advance. **Andre Agassi** defeated **Byron Black** 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4), while **Chris Woodruff** defeated **Wayne Black** 6-3, 6-7 (2-7), 6-2, 6-4 to spur the U.S. victory. The win came on the seventh anniversary of former U.S. Davis Cup captain, **Arthur Ashe's** death... The NCAA suspended **St. John's** guard **Erick Barkley**. The reason for the suspension has been unannounced, but it is reportedly over the use of someone else's sport utility vehicle.

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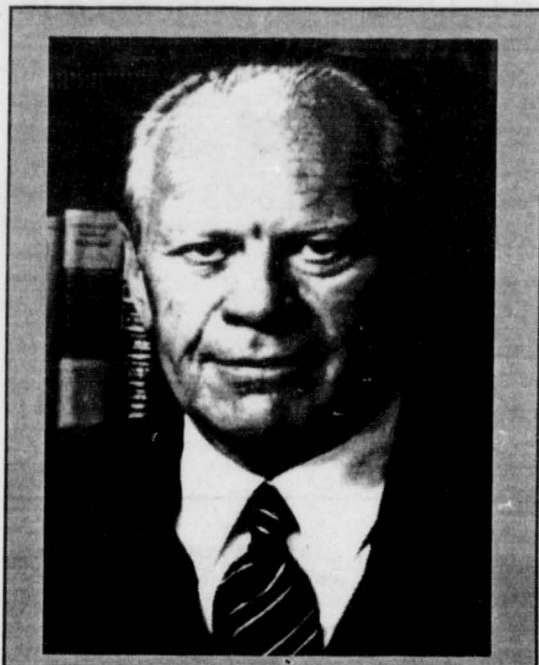
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Gerald Ford comes to MU



Gerald Ford was the 38th President of the United States. Ford took command in a period that was considered to be one of the toughest for democracy in our country.

CARL D. MADONNA
Flashlight News Editor

Former President of the United States Gerald R. Ford will appear on Mansfield University's campus on March 21st. Ford was the 38th President of the United States and occupied the White House during one of the most rigid periods in the nation's history. Ford had the liberty of following Richard "Tricky Dick" Nixon in his quest for presidency. Ford's rise to the top included his appointments only after resignations. Ford became vice-president following the resignation of Spiro Agnew in 1973. And as many of us are aware, Ford became President of the United States after Nixon resigned in 1974.

Ford is a World War II Navy veteran and has spent most of his life serving the public interest. For 25 years Ford served in the House of Representatives and in 1965 he was elected the Minority Leader. Since his departure from the White House in 1977, Ford has continued to speak out on major issues and continues to lend his expertise to both public and private sectors.

President Ford and his wife Betty received the Congressional Gold Medal in October of 1999. This award is the highest honor given to a civilian by Congress. Ford's address will be sponsored by Citizens & Northern Bank and the university.

As President John Halstead stated earlier this week,

having a former president come to the campus during the very heated presidential campaign is both timely and educational. Mansfield University student Josh Blase said, "I am excited to hear that President Ford will be coming to campus. My parents are always talking about how he restored the public's faith in the democratic system."

President Ford's public address will be held in Decker Gymnasium at 8 p.m. tickets will be \$10. This marks the fourth straight year a major national speaker has addressed our university. Previous speakers included actor James Earl Jones, Former First Lady Barbara Bush and news correspondent Sam Donaldson.

If you have any questions or require further information, you could contact 662-4292 or call Terry Day at extension 4844.

Gov. Ridge proposes 3% increase for SSHE

By DAN AMIDON
Flashlight Writer

Pennsylvania's governor Tom Ridge has proposed the 2000-2001 Pennsylvania state budget. The State System of Higher Education has been appropriated 450.8 million dollars. This is an increase of 3 percent from last year. Many other appropriations have been added to the budget as well to increase funding for SSHE related programs.

These include about 1.55 million dollars for social equity programs designed to aid and help enroll under represented students. The McKeever Environmental Learning Center which is operated by Slippery Rock University is allotted \$222,000 for operation. The Governor has also placed a 4.5 million dollar appropriation for additional program initiatives, which will be used under the direction of the SSHE's Board of Governors. Ten Million Dollars is reserved for technology initiatives along with another six million dollars for equipment purchases.

The SSHE's Board of Governors had wanted an apportionment of 455.1 million dollars which is approximately a 4 percent increase from last year's state funding. The total proposed budget for the SSHE is to be

953.6 million dollars. The difference between the appropriated state money and the full budget is 508.2 million dollars which will be the tuitions and associated fees of the students.

The SSHE had also wanted money for a number of special projects as well. One important project is to correlate more efficiently the training and curriculum of the universities to establish more specialized graduates for the workplace.

The SSHE is currently in the process of reviewing all of their operations to try and reduce spending and create more revenue boosting services. The tuition has increased very little in contrast to private institutions, which have surpassed System Universities in many cases more than 300 percent.

The entire SSHE consists of the largest Pennsylvanian learning institute. Many of the graduates are still residents of Pennsylvania and make up the state's work force. This is the main reason behind the Commonwealth's extensive funding for the System's 14 Universities and associated spur campuses.

Student Union completion delayed

REBECCA SEAMANS
Flashlight Writer

The grand opening of the new Student Union is anticipated to be a few days late because materials are on back-order.

According to Joseph Maresco, vice president of Student Affairs, the project is "going quite well. We have been notified that there will be a delay in the shipping of some of the materials that will cause us to open a few weeks later." The original opening date was March 17, but Mr. Maresco believes it will now be closer to early April.

Some of the materials that are causing the hold-up are the counters for the food court and about 200 chairs that will go in the multi-purpose room. The original chairs were back-logged for so long that the order was changed to a style that would be available sooner.

A virtual tour of the new Student Union is available on the MU web page at <http://www.mnsfld.edu/~stuafrs/center/floorplan.htm>. The current pictures are from the 3rd edition of the page, but the 4th version will be posted soon.



Stan Heinrich, Jacklyn Wilson, Matthew Katra and Tom Johnston plan for the blood drive.

Heinrich and Katra received pins of recognition for donating 5 or more times within the past year.

Bloodmobile sets up shop

By CARL D. MADONNA
Flashlight News Editor

The bloodmobile will be coming to Mansfield University campus Feb. 23. The bloodmobile will be open from 12 to 6 p.m. in Manser's North Dining Hall. This year's bloodmobile will be sponsored by the Student Union, Panhel, IFC, SGA, ARHC and AraMark. Jacklyn Wilson of

the American Red Cross said, "People who are currently taking antibiotics should check with their doctors first before donating blood. Donors must be over 105 lbs., over 17 and must be in generally good health. "Usually nurses will catch on to any problems before donation," Wilson went on to say.

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Forensic Team places 1st in a field of 11 at Geneva's tournament

By DANIEL AMIDON
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University forensic team has continued their success by taking first place honors at Geneva College on Saturday. The meet was held in the greater Pittsburgh area. The tournament brought in eleven teams to compete in this annual competition. This was the last competition the MU squad will be competing in before the big State Championship this weekend.

Individually, the team members and their awards are as follows: Darren DeVoue took 1st place Pentathlon (the award for the best performer of the tournament), 1st place Dramatic Interpretation, 2nd place Prose Interpretation, 2nd place Poetry Interpretation, and 6th place Persuasive Speaking. Carl Madonna took home 4th place Pentathlon honors, 3rd place recognition Persuasive Speaking, and 4th place Poetry Interpretation. Karen Holgate won 2nd place in

Dramatic Interpretation, 3rd place Prose Interpretation, and 5th place in Poetry Interpretation. Heather Borden placed 1st in Informative Speaking and 4th in Extemporaneous Speaking. Kari Weller placed 4th in Prose Interpretation.

In Dramatic Duo Carl Madonna and Darren DeVoue took 4th place, while Madonna and Kari Weller placed 2nd.

"We did phenomenally well this weekend even though one of our key elements was missing. Can you imagine what will happen when we get to states with all of our weapons," said Madonna.

On January 27th the Mansfield University Board of Trustees invited the forensic team to do a presentation in the Community Room of North Hall. The team members then spoke with the Board and took on a question/answer format individually.

Team member Ja'Nell Natson said, "It was a great opportunity to meet with the trustees and give

them a better idea of what forensics is."

The State Individual Events Tournament will be held on February 18th and 19th in Grove City which is also in the Pittsburgh area. Mansfield forensic coach Dr. Sharon Carrish will preside over the state coaches' meeting and assist with the running of the tournament. She is the president of the Pennsylvania State Individual Events Association. "The team has worked very hard this past year," says Carrish, "and I believe the level of success will continue to the state championship."

Darren DeVoue said, "I hope I speak for the rest of the team when I say that we are hungry and focused especially after the debacle at last year's state championship." From speaking with the some other key team members, Darren, you are not alone.

Following this weekend's tournament, the team will have no more competitions until the National Championship which is in mid April.

Skywatch Weather

Wednesday



Hi 42 Lo 10

Thursday



Hi 31 Lo 18

Friday



Hi 40 Lo 23

Saturday



Hi 39 Lo 16

Sunday



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HBT numbers rise

By MARIA VALENZANO
Flashlight Writer

Do you find yourself interested in joining a group, but you are shunned away because of the rumors you have heard about pledging. Why don't you check out HBT, a fine arts, non Greek, un-fraternity.

HBT was founded in 1991 for people who want to get away from organizations where they feel they just don't fit in. Their main goal is to support the fine arts and promote individuality. Bree Flammini, HBT president said, "We are an outlet for the misfits, but also for the normal people who feel they don't fit in with the Greeks."

HBT numbers are on the rise and creating a frenzy of pledges. "We have recently exploded!" said Andrew Jarvis, HBT Vice president. This spring

semester marks a historical one for HBT with an overwhelming pledge class of seventeen. The fall semester brought out eight new pledges and HBT currently has 14 active members. Andrew also jokingly said, "Our mission is to create chaos and destroy the status quo."

HBT says, "We realize the contradictions in a group of individuals and a fraternity against fraternities, but that is the point." Andrew Towner, an active pledge says, "Greeks are weak, I would rather be a freak!"

Keep in mind that HBT doesn't discriminate against anyone who is interested in pledging. There is absolutely no hazing and no pressure to drink, all you have to do is be yourself and you will fit in with HBT.

Keep an eye out for HBT upcoming events. Their movie nights include: Wednesday, February 16, Heavy Metal; Wednesday,



Jenna Rawa/FLASHLIGHT
HBT vice president Andrew Jarvis

February 23, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory; Thursday, March 2, The Matrix; Wednesday, March 15, Tromeo and Juliet. All movies begin at 9 p.m. in Allen Lecture room. A short discussion will follow each film. For more information about HBT, check them out on the web at: www.rushHBT.cjb.net.

African-American Arts Festival 2000

Soul Food and Culture Fair
6 p.m., Wed., Feb. 16 in Allen Hall
Soul foods and artist demonstrations of painting, weaving, ceramics, hair braiding

Daughters of the Dust
Directed by Julie Dash
7:30 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 17
in Allen Lecture Hall

Nommo Dance Group
7 p.m., Fri., Feb. 18
in Steadman Auditorium

Artist Exhibit
by Leroy Porter and Abner Cope
Month of Feb.
in the North Hall Art Gallery

Storytelling and Poetry
7 p.m., Sat., Feb. 19 in Allen Hall 111
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Hut Happenings

By AMBER LINDQUIST
Flashlight Writer

Zanzibar used to be a great hangout for students. One could go to the Hut, have a non-alcoholic mixed drink, dance the night away with their friends and have a grand time. Everything in the building was taken care of and overseen by an advisory board. Comprised of the organizations that primarily sponsored Hut events.

This week's happenings:

6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday - Anime Movies
10 p.m. to 12 a.m., Friday and Saturday - Zanzibar Dance Party

Student Success Seminars

Budgeting 101

6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 16
Cedarcrest Rec Room

Presenter: Margaret Delmonico, Administrator of Speakers Bureau - P.S.E.C.U.

Note Taking, Study Skills

6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Thursday, February 17
Pinecrest Rec Room

Presenter: Robert Everett, Mansfield University student

Campus Offices and Other Resources

6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Tuesday, February 22
Cedarcrest Rec Room

Presenter: Joe Miller, Assistant Director of Residence Life

Information Technology

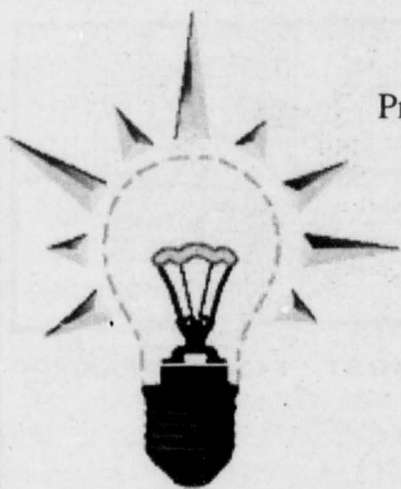
6 - 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 1
Library Classroom

Presenter: Tamela Bastion, Training Coordinator - Information Technology

Diversity

6 - 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 15
Laurel B Lounge

Presenter: Annie Cooper, Director of Multicultural Affairs



Any questions?
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New senators for SGA

By LES WILLIAMS
Flashlight Writer

Six new senators were inducted into the SGA at the meeting Monday night. SGA President James Moyer called the meeting to order at 9:00, and shortly thereafter nominations were opened for the available positions. The new senators are: Sharmila S. Pejavar, Ellen Boyer, Sarah Trotsle, Chris Novakoski, Shanna Zettlemoyer, and Adam Trimbur. Each nominee gave a brief introduction, then they were asked to leave the room during deliberations.

Other topics discussed at the meeting were the possibility of raising parking fees, 3 new element shelters, repaving of the E-lot, and the hiring of a firm to research the possibility



Les Williams/FLASHLIGHT
These are the six newest senators appointed to the SGA

of opening a new parking lot behind Cedarcrest Manor. This new lot would hold between 75 to 100 upper division cars.

The increase of parking fees would occur next semester. For commuters, the fee would be \$15, and \$45 for resident students. An SGA representative said that they do feel badly about the increase, but feels it is needed. This

would be the first time since 1981 that the parking fee is increased. That time, the fee went from a dollar to the current five dollar rate. Final approval goes to the trustees, who would like to know student opinion before making a decision. James Moyer also remarked there would be a series of forums where students can voice opinions.

Tuerack's tips

By LEAH PHILLIPS
Flashlight Writer

Gary Tuerack gave a standing room only audience some new ideas of how to get better grades in less time. Feb. 2 in Allen Hall.

A Cornell University graduate just five years ago, Tuerack is currently the CEO of Tuerack Training International. His enthusiastic presentation began with a slide show of college life: Hitting the snooze button on the alarm clock; students taking their first test; the emotions of their first grade. Tuerack explained it is natural to have bad days, but there are some tips to success in college.

His first tip: Taking notes can increase the retention

of the material by 30 percent and visuals increase the retention by 40 percent.

Tuerack listed foods college students should avoid. The list of no-nos included turkey, caffeine, sugar, and large meals. All of these except turkey provide a jolt of energy and then drop so sugar levels crash making students very sleepy. Turkey has a chemical in it that naturally puts people to sleep. He recommends students eat light meals and lots of fresh fruits.

Next Tuerack recommended methods for successful study. These include power naps of 20 minutes, memorization in the mornings or evenings, and avoid distractions of television, radio, or talking to friends during study breaks.

Beer in dorm

Jeffrey Sankowich, 19, was cited Feb. 5 with purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor or malt of brewed beverages by a minor.

University police said they observed Sankowich in a Cedarcrest Residence Hall

stairwell carrying an open can of beer and having an unopened can in his jacket pocket.

Police said he was allegedly under the influence of alcohol.

Laptop stolen

A university student reported Feb. 10 a Compaq laptop computer was taken from her

Cedarcrest Residence Hall room sometime between the hours of 11 p.m. Feb. 6 and 10 p.m. Feb. 9.

University police ask anyone with information about the theft to contact them at 662-4900.

CDs stolen

University police investi-

gate a third CD theft from Cedarcrest Residence Hall. Police said 50-60 CDs were taken from a student's room between Jan. 15 and Jan. 28. The incident was reported Jan. 28 but not released until last Thursday.

University police

investigate the theft of 60-80 CDs from a vehicle parked on Pinecrest Drive between Feb. 2 and Feb. 5. Value of the CDs was set at \$900.

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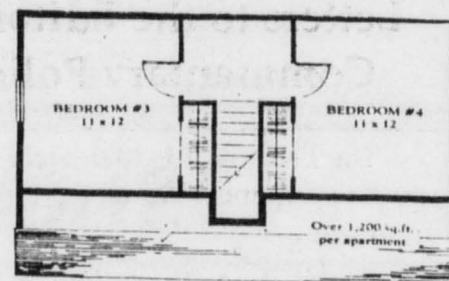
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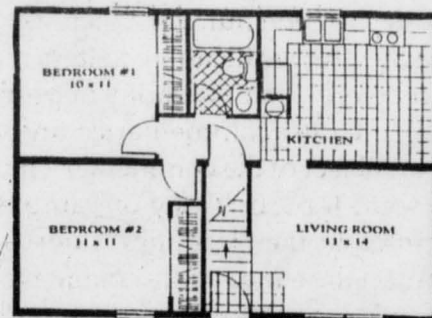
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All letters can be sent to 217 Memorial Hall, or emailed to flashlit@mnsfld.edu. If you are interested in joining the Flashlight staff, call 662-4986 and leave a message for the news editor with your name and phone number where you can be reached.

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Commentary

Procastination is the key

By **KAREN HOLGATE**
Flashlight Writer

Folks, I want to clarify a few things for you. I don't necessarily do these things I tell you about. The things I am telling you are things that should never be uttered. They come from the depths of a very sick mind. I wouldn't really recommend going through with the plans I share. They are for the most desperate situations - when you have absolutely no other alternative.

Now that that's out of the way, I have some revelations for you. Procrastination is not something to be ashamed of. If you are an underachieving member of MENSA, you needn't work so hard. I, myself, depend upon the muses for my inspiration. Let's face it, those chicks are way fickle. They have their own cosmic time schedule which rarely coincides with deadlines. Sometimes you have to suffer for brilliance.

If you are the kind of person who starts an assignment the night it is given, it may be difficult for you to change. I would recommend an intensive weekend course I have developed. My team and I will put you through a program that will show immediate results. Sure. It's gonna cost mucho dinero, but think of the benefits.

Still not convinced? Well, I don't normally do this, but I will offer for one time only a free taste of what you'll get. Now, I want you to understand PROCRASTINATION IS NOT SOMETHING YOU DABBLE IN. You can't do it every now and then. You must work at perfecting your skills. Procrastination is a serious art form, not to be taken lightly. So if you're not serious about this about this, stop now.

Okay, now that we've weeded out the achievers from slackers. Let's get it on! People are going to tell you that you need to do dozens of drafts to have an excellent paper. Tell them to step off! I write one draft, spell check it and turn that bad boy in! And what do I get on these papers? Nothing less than a "B". I kid you not.

You shouldn't start a paper any sooner than the day before. Factor in an hour for every five pages. This is more than enough time. It is important to do papers at night. This is the key time. You can use Mountain Dew and No-doze to keep you up. The caffeine will also help your creativity. Never save the paper until the morning. I can not stress this enough. Early morning hours are not productive. Besides, you know when the alarm sounds you're only going to turn it off and go back to sleep.

Some of my fans may be saying, "huh," at this point. See I am a strong believer in procrastination, however my personal philosophy is, "do as little as possible to get by". The key point is doing less but the underlying message is getting by. Failing is not getting by. Get the message?

Those of you who are hard workers and want to break the habit can do some key things. When you get the urge to do a little work, turn on the TV. This is the procrastinators number one tool. It doesn't matter what's on. You could watch the Food Channel, those shows are awesome. So what if you never plan on entering the kitchen? Or check out Animal Planet, that crocodile dude is insane! Or you could watch the CAN for a while, sometimes you just get sucked in.

There are tons of other things you could do, but you're gonna have to pay for the rest. Hey I have to make some dough to support my slacker ass! So, cough up the dough and sign up for the seminar. What no cash? Refer to last weeks column.

The seminar mentioned in the above article is under an FBI investigation and is suspended until a the Grand Jury ruling!

Should sophs be RAs?

STAFF EDITORIAL

Indiana Daily Student (Indiana U.)

(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Residential Programs and Services is changing the face of its Resident Assistant class for next year. It's expanding its pool of RA candidates to include sophomores, changing a long-standing precedent of accepting only students with at least junior standing.

While the decision will definitely increase the number of applicants, it will also bring more troubles for RPS and, ultimately, for the RAs themselves.

Sophomore year is a tricky time in the lives of many college students. School is suddenly a whole different ballgame. Sophomores are no longer green freshman, but not experienced enough to be pros.

Last year, everything was fresh and new, and every challenge was met with excitement. Now, the classes are harder and work more complex. The mistakes many first-year students make aren't acceptable anymore; "I'm just a freshman, I didn't know" is no longer an excuse. Being a freshman is about learning how

to exist in a new environment and have fun. Sophomore year is about work, and lots of it.

Imagine being responsible for 50 residents only one year younger than you. Imagine having to plan floor programs, confront potentially hostile situations and act as a role model for freshmen — just coming out of that pool.

RAs live their lives in a fishbowl. They don't get to stop being RAs. They're the RA when residents see them in class, they're the RA when residents run into them on Kirkwood Avenue, they're the RA no matter where they are. It's a lot of pressure for anyone to put up with.

Now put the two together. Put a sophomore with the typical second-year stresses with the responsibilities hoisted upon an RA, and you get a potentially insecure, overworked and inefficient student.

A Nov., 1999 study done by Michael Votave, a graduate student in the Higher Education and Student Affairs and a gradu-

ate supervisor at Briscoe Quad, surveyed 40 schools across the country on their hiring practices. Of those, 75 percent of schools use sophomores as Resident Assistants. Votave said the schools with sophomore RAs were evenly distributed between big and small schools. With all due respect to those institutions, they aren't IU. They don't have 50 residents to a floor, they don't have more than 10,000 students living in the residence halls, and they don't have the same kind of difficulties that run rampant here.

Without a doubt, some sophomores are mature and responsible enough to serve in this valuable and crucial role at IU. But most aren't. Life is full of artificial boundaries — you can't drive until you're 16, you can't vote until you're 18 and you can't drink until you're 21. They aren't perfect, but they follow social standards about the age of responsibility.

Our standards should remain stable, and sophomores should wait another year before sitting in the RA hot seat.

Campus Voices

Each week the feature staff of *The Flashlight* will be hitting the campus and finding out what YOU think.

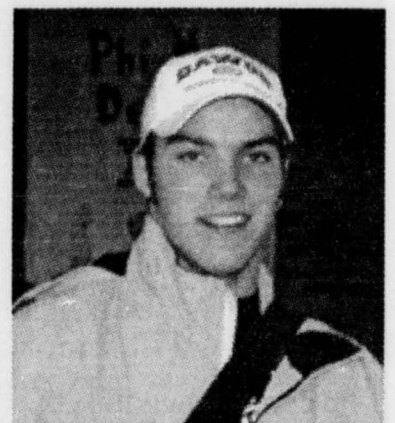
If you were to die tomorrow, what would
you want your last meal to be?

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Feature Editor



"I want a buffet."
Jessi Hockenbrough, social work, sophomore



"The Old 96'er."
Mike Kane, public relations, sophomore



"A steak, medium rare, with mashed potatoes
with a lot of salt and butter."
Ron Long, CJA, junior



"Definitely stuffed shells."
Danielle Raybuck, music education, senior

Interested in more answers? Read on to find out what
The Flashlight staff would eat on their dying day.

"A rare steak and spaghetti."
Deborah Watkins, Flashlight adviser

"A broccoli and cheese baked potato
and Hershey kisses."
Jenna Rawa, Features Editor

"Samples of the Chi-Chi's menu and an
entire box of Zebra cakes."
Suzanne Yeager, Business Manager

"Hard shelled crabs, shrimp, and a baked potato
with butter and sour cream."
Stacey Staudenmeier, Flashlight writer

"French onion soup, filet mignon with mushrooms,
crabcakes, and a Pepsi with free refills."
Bree Flammini, Advertising manager

"French onion soup, chicken saltimbocca,
stuffed mushrooms, Tiramisu."
Carl Madonna, News Editor

"My grandfather's homemade
copaletti with his amazing marinara
sauce, a ceasar salad, garlic bread,
and a glass of whole milk."
Maria Valenzano, Flashlight writer

"Ice cream with carmel on top,
cauliflower with cheese, Fritos, cheddar
and sour cream Ruffles, and a
Mountain Dew."
Karen Holgate, Flashlight writer

"Cheese calzone and lots of canoli."
Kimberly Sapone, Editor-in-Chief

"Filet mignon, portabello mushrooms,
and chocolate milk."
Dan Amidon, Flashlight writer

"Chicken fingers from South Side with
lots of ranch dressing, carrots and dip, and
lobster with melted butter."
Jenberly S. Sapawa, Flashlight psychic

"I'd start out with salmon pate, then some french
onion soup and a salad. Then I want an
8 oz. N.Y. Strip steak and swordfish.
For dessert, cherry flambe."
Darren DeVoue, Sports Editor

"Seafood. Baby gulf shrimp."
Valerie Thomas, Flashlight writer

"Fried chicken, a cherry slurpee,
and butterscotch krimpets."
Les Williams, Flashlight writer

INFO TO GO

3rd Annual Gong Show

Show off your talents February 28 at 8:15 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. Door prizes will be awarded along with prizes for first, second and third place and a special prize for the worst act. Costs: \$5 for each act; \$1 for all tickets. See any Kappa Kappa Psi brother for tickets and an application. Call Eric at x5974 or Lindsey at x5880 for information. Sponsored by Kappa Kappa Psi.

Mark your calendars---HIV/AIDS Testing

Held in Cedarcrest room G7A from 9-11:30 & 1-3 p.m. on February 23, March 3 and 22, and April 12.

EdgeCity Literary Magazine Submissions

Poems, short stories and essays are needed for this year's edition. All submissions are due by March 3. Place submissions in the bin marked *Edge City* in the Belknap Hall faculty mailbox. For info, call Amy at 662-2836.

Scholarships

Applications for MU Scholarships are available through the Office of Financial Planning, 104 Alumni Hall. Please pick up your application shortly. The scholarship deadline is March 15, 2000.

Attention All Funded Organizations

The COF will be holding a budget information meeting in North Dining on Tuesday, February 22 at 7 p.m. If you are a funded organization, you are required to attend this meeting. Questions? Call Donna at x4930.

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If you would like to advertise in the *Crossroads* 2000 Magazine, please call Christine at 662-0124.

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Friday, Apr. 28 - Mark your calendars! Stay tuned to WNTE-FM and the Flashlight for the latest information about Spring Fling 2000!

The Harrisburg Internship Semester

State agencies and legislators' offices in Harrisburg are looking for one outstanding MU undergraduate junior or senior with a GPA of at least 3.0 for a 15 credit internship. Recipient will receive \$5,500 to cover costs of tuition and room and board. Housing is available and commuting is permitted. A wide range of placements are available for students in *any major*. Contact Dr. Richard Feil, South Hall 405 or x4773 by March 3.

Time Capsule

SGA has extended the deadline for time capsule submissions. A letter will be sent to all student organizations regarding the new due date.

Daughters of the Dust

Come to Allen Lecture Hall at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, February 17. Presented by the MU Film and Lecture Series and The African-American Festival of the Arts. This activity is free and open to the university community.

Attn: May and Dec. Graduation Classes of 2000

A fellow classmate will be contacting you about your contribution to the senior class gift - **Organizational mailboxes in the main entry to the new student union** - with a plaque stating "The Class of 2000." Be a part of a lasting tribute to your class and give \$5 to have your name in the drawing for the Josten's class ring! If a classmate misses you, contact: Dixie Sheridan at x4296 or dsherida@mnsfld.edu or Patty Hamilton-Rodgers at x4853 or phamilto@mnsfld.edu.

Want to be famous at MU? Want to voice your opinion?

Campus Voices wants you! Pictures and quotes are taken weekly at 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., Tuesday afternoons, in Lower Manser. If you're interested in participating look for the girls with the camera. Also, if you have an idea for a weekly question call X4986 and ask for Jenna or Stacey. Remember, only four lucky faces are needed each week so smile and make your voices heard. Starting this week, quotes from campus groups will be taken for the Campus Voices section (see pg. 6). If your organization is interested, email the Flashlight at flashlit@mnsfld.edu. We would appreciate your participation!

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Flashlight Futures

By JENBERLY S. SAPAWA

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Flashlight Psychic

Aquarius ♒ 1/21 - 2/19

Feeling bored with your weekends? Take an out of state adventure and visit a friend. Don't get wrapped up in so much serious talk that you forget about having a good time. But remember, the farmer won't buy the cow if he can get it's milk for free. WHAT TO WATCH : "Scooby Doo"

Pisces ♓ 2/20 - 3/21

Even though you are swamped with papers and exams don't neglect your friends. Schedule frequent playtimes and let yourself relax. Also, stick to your guns about the life decisions you've been making. Listen to mama and always follow your first instinct. WHAT TO WATCH : "Whose Line is it Anyway?"

Aries ♈ 3/22 - 4/20

Your new romantic interest has you redefining your dating lifestyle. Even though Valentine's Day is over don't stop doing nice things for your current sweetie. Cupid may not be flying around but love is definately still in the air. WHAT TO WATCH : "Lou Bega, Behind the Music"

Taurus ♉ 4/21 - 5/21

Your lack of energy lately has people worried about you. Go to bed early one of these days so that you can ace your exams and have a good weekend. WHAT TO WATCH : "Martha Stewart's How to Take Care of Daises"

Gemini ♊ 5/22 - 6/21

Sorry about your injuries from slipping on the ice. Get yourself to the mall and indulge in a new pair of boots with good traction and then treat yourself to a smoothie. Skip over your usual strawberry and try something with peanut butter. WHAT TO WATCH : "Alf"

Cancer ♋ 6/22 - 7/23

Having trouble making decisions lately? It's time to develop the "just do it" attitude. Start that radio show, pick up that guitar more often, or resist that urge to poke yourself in the eye. Whatever the case may be, just do it! WHAT TO WATCH : "Little House on the Prairie"

Leo ♌ 7/24 - 8/23

You deserve better than this guy/girl that you are after. Try not to focus on him/her so much and the second you stop looking, someone better will come along and take you out for chinese and buy you that new red lipstick that you've been wanting. WHAT TO WATCH : "Footloose"

Virgo ♍ 8/24 - 9/23

Get yourself to the gym, there's only 2 more weeks until spring break, and since your tickets to Cancun just came through campus mail, you want to look exceptional in that leopard print bikini/speedo. WHAT TO WATCH : "Talk Soup"

Libra ♎ 9/24 - 10/23

You've been very bad at getting to bed at a decent hour and it's time for you to let yourself catch up on your sleep before you run yourself down. Stop thinking you're going to miss an intellectual moment on "The Howard Stern Show" and shut off the TV until it's time for your show stated in what to watch. WHAT TO WATCH : the campus channel for class cancellations.

Scorpio ♏ 10/24 - 11/22

Stop procrastinating! You do not work better under pressure. Just think, that paper you got a B on, if you had started early, you would have gotten an A. Your schedule isn't that cramped, is it? If it is, clear it. Academics come first. WHAT TO WATCH : "Cops"

Sagittarius ♐ 11/23 - 12/22

Don't be sad because you can't find those important papers. Your fellow staff understands your lament and sympathizes with you. This week the Sagittarius' are in the seventh house and you know what that means - you better not be in the eighth one. WHAT TO WATCH : "General Hospital"

Capricorn ♑ 12/23 - 1/20

Head down to your local humane shelter and adopt that monkey that always looks so sad, he'll be alot happier playing with you and your friends. Also, treat yourself to something new this week, test drive a new car, buy more Febreze or get a pedicure. WHAT TO WATCH : "Elmo in Grouchland."

Special Olympics of Tioga County

is looking for individuals or groups to volunteer at their Annual Spring Track & Field Event from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Thursday, April 27.

Escorts and groups to run activities at the event are needed.

For more information or to sign up, contact Tanya at 662-3639 or stop by Retan Center 213.

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Flashlight Sports

Men's team re-asserts itself in the win column

By Nicole Cortese
Flashlight Writer

Vindication, of sorts, was achieved by the Mansfield University men's basketball team this weekend. An eight game losing streak was snapped this past Saturday in Decker Gymnasium, as the men's team defeated Edinboro University, 83-78.

The intensity was present once again as the Mountaineers took the court Saturday afternoon. A school record was tied by freshman Lorne Creighton as he blocked seven shots and notched his career-high with 16 points. Rick Sabec, who had the record all to himself, now shares it with Creighton.

Rallies are what the Mounties do best, as they came back from a 13-point deficit late in the second half. There was 5:35 left on the clock, and Mansfield trailed 72-63 before going on a 11-2

run, lead by senior Tommy Harvey. Harvey would score nine points to tie the game at 72 with little under three minutes remaining to play. Creighton would then make two straight baskets to give MU the lead for the rest of the game. The Mountaineers went seven for 10 on the line to secure the win under their belts.

The game-high prize went to Damar Lopez who scored 24 points, added six assists and grabbed five boards. Lopez was nine of 13 shooting from the field. Harvey added 21 points to accompany his five assists and eight rebounds. Demontric Doddles pulled down a number of key defensive boards in the final minutes and still managed to put 15 points on the board.

The Mountaineers are 5-2 in cross-divisional PSAC play this season. They fell to Slippery Rock, split with Edinboro, and defeated Clarion and Lock Haven.

The victory was key for the psyche of the men's team after enduring a losing streak that matched their best win streak of the season. The Mountaineers fell 56-34 to East Stroudsburg University last week in PSAC East play.

ESU's shooting was nothing less than perfect in the second half, as they overcame a six point, halftime lead held by the Mounties. In the first five minutes of the second half, ESU took control with a crucial 21-7 run, hitting an incomprehensible 69% of their shots.

Doddles and Harvey fouled out late in the second half, but not before scoring in the double digits. Doddles left the game with 15 points, while Harvey vacated the court with 14. Alex Goodman scored 13 points in Wednesday night's action, while Lopez contributed 10 points.

The Mountaineers are below .500 for the first

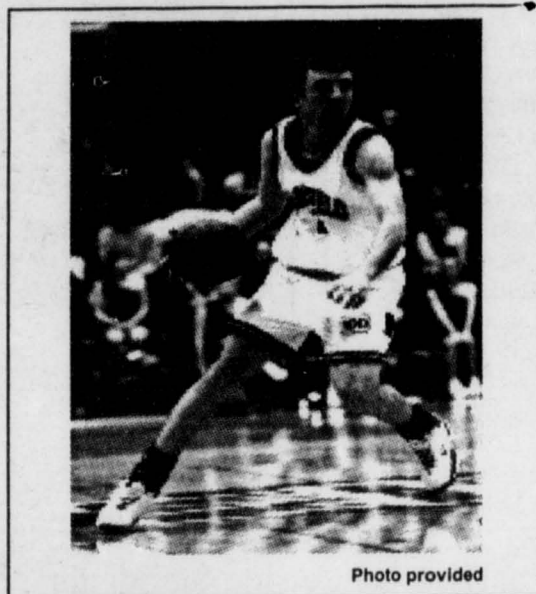


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Jeremy Yetter and the Mounties look to retain winning formula.

this season, (10-11) overall and (1-7) PSAC East. They will host Bloomsburg University in double-header action with their Lady's team counterparts this

Wednesday. This Saturday, Mansfield will play its last home game of the season against the Wolves of Cheyney University.

Get on the good foot

Special to the Flashlight

ITHACA, PA- The Mansfield University indoor track and field team competed in the Cornell University Can-Am Invitational Saturday.

Travis Boyer (East Windsor, NJ/Hightown) had the top finish for the men's team-placing fifth in the high jump with a leap

of 5'11.25. Kyle Kintner (Towanda) finished 10th in the pole vault.

Kim Carman (Trumasburg, NY/Dickerson) placed seventh in the pole vault and 12th in the high jump for the Mountie women's team.

Mansfield is scheduled to return to Cornell University next Saturday.

Slide continues for women's team

By Nicole Cortese
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University women's basketball team continues their losing streak, as they fell to East Stroudsburg University, 59-58 and Pitt-Johnstown, 85-35, this past week in basketball action.

East Stroudsburg outshot Mansfield by dropping 25 more shots in the basket and handling 19 more boards. However, the Lady Mountaineers gave ESU a run for their money last Wednesday evening in PSAC East division battle as they played their hearts and souls out until the buzzer sounded.

Mansfield held a brief lead in the first half before ESU took a 21-9 run on the court ending the half with a 10 point lead. As quick as ESU gained the lead was as quick as the Mountaineers came within 10 points of the lead, sinking three straight from three-point range, with 10 minutes remaining on the clock.

As the clock ticked down, the intensity rose. Maggie McLoughlin, who is credited with the winning basket for ESU, made a layup that boosted them past the Mountaineers, 57-51. Allyson Buss and Colleen Doherty would not leave the lead where it laid as they went on a seven point run taking the lead, 58-57, with 12 seconds left to play.

Just as it looked that Mansfield would finally get into the W column, a 6-3 McLoughlin would smash a rebound of an ESU missed shot, into the basket. This basket took the Lady Mountaineers out of the winning position as the buzzer



Photo provided

Traci Tyler and the Lady Mounties are looking to drive into the win column.

sounded simultaneously, crushing the Lady Mountaineers' hearts.

Mansfield hit 8 of their 15 three-point shots. Jennifer Nichols scored the game-high Wednesday night with 12-points, while Doherty was not far behind adding 10.

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This week's events in Mountie Sports

Men's Basketball:
Wed. vs. Bloomsburg
Sat. vs. Cheyney

Women's Basketball:
Wed. vs. Bloomsburg
Sat. vs. Cheyney

Indoor Track:
Sat. @ Cornell

Swimming:
Thurs. @ IUP
PSAC Championship Meet

Flashlight Sports Trivia Twister
Category: College Basketball

Who was the last team to finish the regular season undefeated?

Last week's answer:
Terry Sawchuk of Detroit (447)

See next week's issue for special NHL update

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ESPN Men's Top 25

- 1. Cincinnati (23-1)
- 2. Stanford (21-1)
- 3. Duke (19-3)
- 4. Arizona (21-4)
- 5. Michigan State (18-6)
- 6. Tennessee (21-3)
- 7. Ohio State (17-4)
- 8. Syracuse (20-2)
- 9. Oklahoma State (20-2)
- 10. Indiana (18-4)
- 11. Auburn (19-4)
- 12. Florida (18-5)
- 13. Tulsa (22-2)
- 14. Texas (17-6)
- 15. Temple (18-4)
- 16. Kentucky (17-7)
- 17. Iowa State (21-3)
- 18. Connecticut (17-6)
- 19. Oklahoma (19-4)
- 20. Utah (19-4)
- 21. Kansas (18-6)
- 22. Maryland (17-7)
- 23. LSU (19-4)
- 24. Vanderbilt (16-5)
- 25. Seton Hall (18-4)

ESPN Women's Top 25

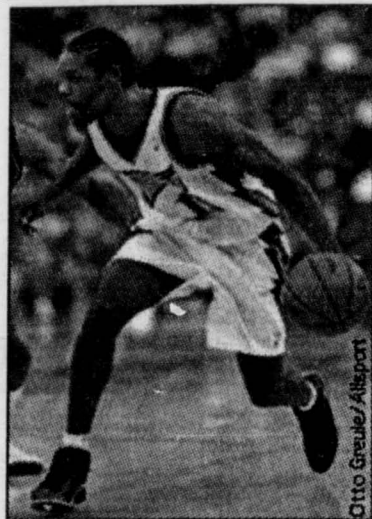
- 1. Connecticut (22-1)
- 2. Georgia (24-2)
- 3. Tennessee (21-3)
- 4. Louisiana Tech (19-2)
- 5. Notre Dame (21-2)
- 6. Penn State (20-3)
- 7. Texas Tech (19-3)
- 8. NC State (20-4)
- 9. Iowa State (18-4)
- 10. LSU (19-4)
- 11. Rutgers (18-3)
- 12. Duke (19-4)
- 13. UC-Santa Barbara (21-3)
- 14. Arizona (20-3)
- 15. Auburn (18-5)
- 16. Old Dominion (18-4)
- 17. Mississippi State (18-5)
- 18. Boston College (19-6)
- 19. Purdue (17-6)
- 20. UCLA (13-7)
- 21. Virginia (19-6)
- 22. Oklahoma (20-4)
- 23. Kansas (17-6)
- 24. Tulane (21-3)
- 25. Illinois (18-9)

National Hockey League Standings

| Eastern Conference | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|------|------|
| Atlantic | W | L | T | Pts. |
| New Jersey | 35 | 15 | 6 | 80 |
| Philadelphia | 28 | 16 | 10 | 67 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 24 | 25 | 8 | 59 |
| Pittsburgh | 24 | 26 | 5 | 58 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 16 | 34 | 6 | 39 |
| Northeast | | | | |
| W | L | T | Pts. | |
| Toronto | 30 | 20 | 6 | 69 |
| Ottawa | 26 | 20 | 9 | 63 |
| Buffalo | 23 | 26 | 8 | 56 |
| Boston | 18 | 24 | 15 | 55 |
| Montreal | 19 | 28 | 7 | 48 |
| Southeast | | | | |
| W | L | T | Pts. | |
| Florida | 32 | 19 | 4 | 71 |
| Washington | 27 | 19 | 9 | 64 |
| Carolina | 23 | 25 | 8 | 54 |
| Tampa Bay | 12 | 36 | 6 | 36 |
| Atlanta | 11 | 38 | 6 | 32 |
| Western Conference | | | | |
| Central | | | | |
| W | L | T | Pts. | |
| St. Louis | 35 | 15 | 6 | 76 |
| Detroit | 33 | 17 | 6 | 73 |
| Nashville | 20 | 30 | 6 | 51 |
| Chicago | 19 | 28 | 7 | 47 |
| Northwest | | | | |
| W | L | T | Pts. | |
| Colorado | 27 | 22 | 8 | 63 |
| Edmonton | 20 | 22 | 15 | 62 |
| Calgary | 23 | 27 | 6 | 55 |
| Vancouver | 17 | 27 | 10 | 50 |
| Pacific | | | | |
| W | L | T | Pts. | |
| Dallas | 31 | 20 | 5 | 69 |
| Phoenix | 30 | 19 | 6 | 67 |
| San Jose | 24 | 29 | 7 | 62 |
| Los Angeles | 25 | 22 | 7 | 60 |
| Anaheim | 23 | 26 | 8 | 55 |

NBA Standings

| Eastern Conference | | | | |
|--------------------|----|------|------|------|
| Atlantic | W | L | Pct. | GB |
| Miami | 30 | 17 | .638 | — |
| New York | 29 | 18 | .617 | 1 |
| Philadelphia | 27 | 22 | .551 | 4 |
| Orlando | 24 | 26 | .480 | 7.5 |
| Boston | 21 | 28 | .429 | 10 |
| New Jersey | 19 | 30 | .388 | 12 |
| Washington | 15 | 34 | .306 | 16 |
| Central | | | | |
| W | L | Pct. | GB | |
| Indiana | 32 | 16 | .667 | — |
| Charlotte | 27 | 20 | .574 | 4.5 |
| Toronto | 26 | 21 | .553 | 5.5 |
| Detroit | 25 | 23 | .521 | 7 |
| Milwaukee | 26 | 24 | .520 | 7 |
| Atlanta | 19 | 28 | .404 | 12.5 |
| Cleveland | 19 | 30 | .388 | 13.5 |
| Chicago | 10 | 37 | .213 | 21.5 |
| Western Conference | | | | |
| Midwest | | | | |
| W | L | Pct. | GB | |
| San Antonio | 32 | 17 | .653 | — |
| Utah | 29 | 18 | .617 | 2 |
| Minnesota | 27 | 20 | .574 | 4 |
| Denver | 21 | 26 | .447 | 10 |
| Dallas | 20 | 28 | .417 | 11 |
| Houston | 20 | 30 | .400 | 12.5 |
| Vancouver | 13 | 34 | .277 | 18 |
| Pacific | | | | |
| W | L | Pct. | GB | |
| Portland | 38 | 11 | .776 | — |
| L.A. Lakers | 37 | 11 | .771 | .5 |
| Sacramento | 29 | 18 | .617 | 8 |
| Seattle | 31 | 20 | .608 | 8 |
| Phoenix | 29 | 19 | .604 | 8.5 |
| Golden State | 12 | 35 | .255 | 25 |
| L.A. Clippers | 11 | 37 | .229 | 26.5 |



Otto Greife/Allsport
Latrell Sprewell and the Knicks look to overtake Miami.



Photo courtesy of AP
All-Star Game co-MVP, Shaquille O'Neal

Biscuits and Gravy for this week

Major League
Baseball commissioner, Bud Selig, announced that the use of Androstenedione will be allowed this season. The ruling came after the completion of a study on Andro by two Harvard

scientists. The controversy over Andro, an over-the-counter supplement, began in 1998 with Mark McGwire's use of it during his record-breaking season. Andro is banned by the NCAA, the Olympics, the NFL, and the men's and women's tennis tours... Unified heavyweight champion, Lennox Lewis, will make his first title defense against undefeated Norristown, PA native, Michael Grant. The fight will take place Saturday April 29, at Madison Square Garden. The fight is being billed as "Two Big" due to the size of the two fighters. Grant stands at 6'7", while Lewis is 6'5"... The Sycuan Band of Mission Indians will be the title sponsor of the San Diego Padres for the 2000 baseball season. The Sycuan tribe will pay \$1.5 million to the Padres. The Sycuans own a

casino, but the deal is acceptable under baseball rules since the casino does not do sport-book betting... The Philadelphia Flyers traded long-time second-line center, Rod Brind'Amour to the Carolina Hurricanes for Keith Primeau. Brind'Amour has broken his nose over 20 times during his hockey career. Third-ranked Duke's loss to twenty-second-ranked Maryland was somewhat historic. The Terrapins ended Duke's 46 game home winning streak, 31 game Atlantic Coast Conference win streak, and 18 game winning streak; the latter was the longest in the nation... Selig announced his ruling that Pete Rose cannot participate in the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of the

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Tom Landry loses Leukemia fight

AP Wire

MISSION, Texas -- Before Tom Landry became coach of the Dallas

Cowboys, he was part of a South Texas high school football team that

went 12-0 and captured a regional championship in 1941.

Nearly 60 years later, this community of 40,000 just north of the Mexico border, on the western edge of the Rio

Grande Valley, is still proud to claim Landry as its own. On Sunday, many residents mourned the death of the former coach by visiting a downtown mural in his honor.

Landry died Saturday evening at a Dallas hospital. Although he'd been ill for months, Mission residents were still saddened by the news.

Tom was born in Mission, TX in 1924, the third of four Landry children. He played several positions for

the Mission Eagles before becoming a star at the University of Texas and later a defensive back for the New York Giants.

The downtown mural, located on the side of a store on a street named for Landry, depicts several highlights of his life. The sidewalk in front of the painting contains the footprints of several former Cowboys.

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Electrifying thoughts on the NBA

By The Rock
Guest Flashlight Writer

Finally, The Rock has taken some time out of his tail-kicking schedule to give the NBA lowdown to the thousands (AND THOUSANDS) of The Rock's fans in Mansfield.

The Boston Celtics are still trying to acquire that concept called defense. The Rock cannot understand how they would wanna trade a stack of muscles like Danny Fortson for a pencil like Alvin Williams. The trade was nullified because Williams did not pass his physical.

Speaking of Gibronnies who aren't in shape; The Rock finds it hard to believe that someone for the Atlanta Hawks is on the injured list for conditioning! The Hawks made the playoffs last year and won't even smell them. The Rock can explain it in two words... Isaiah Rider. If The Rock was coach of the Hawks, he'd tell Rider to take his selfish attitude and stick it up his roootie poo, kandy... you know the rest of what The Rock was gonna say!

The Knicks are losing pace with the Miami Heat, and they can blame injuries. Marcus Camby and Larry Johnson are gonna be getting training rubs for a while, which

means that Latrell Sprewell, Allan Houston, and Patrick Ewing will have to play more minutes in their absence. That ain't good, 'cause The Rock feels the need to put WD-40 on Ewing's knees when he watches him run up the court.

While The Rock is talking about teams with injuries, let's talk Miami. Tim Hardaway might as well be next to Soft and Warm Steve Austin. He's always limping from something! Miami is holding on to first place, but if they wanna do something in the playoffs, Hardaway is a necessity.

The Rock would like to tell Allen Iverson, "Great guards who score and pass win titles (Isaiah Thomas). Also great players carry themselves in something better than denim jackets (Isaiah Thomas)." The Sixers have a chance to make things happen with Matt Geiger and Theo Ratliff finally playing together.

The Rock is the most electrifying man in sports entertainment. And Vince Carter is the most electrifying man in basketball. The Rock thinks that the Toronto Raptors with thier mix of veterans and talent are a point guard away from being trouble for teams. The Rock is not available; he's too rugged to play the point.

The Washington Wiz-

ards are the sorriest band of players that Rock has had the displeasure of seeing this season. Michael Jordan can change coaches and practice all he wants, they still have the same players. They are all overpaid and underachieving. No, the name Juwan Howard and his huge salary do not ring a bell to The Rock.

Keith Van Horn is the next Larry Bird...psyche!! The New Jersey Nets are managing, with Stephon Marbury having an MVP season, on a welfare cheese playing team.

The Indiana Pacers are in their last year with Larry Bird at the helm. The Frank Perdue look-a-like is retiring after the season. Not a moment too soon. Professional sports has no room for people from a town called French Lick. Bird does have his team playing well, especially at home where they have the best record in the league. The Rock likes the Pacers to emerge from the East in June.

The Detroit Pistons have Grant Hill's handsome face to get them into the play-offs, and that's where it's gonna end for them. Seventh or Eighth seed anyone?

The Rock would like to have a moment of silence for Bobby Phils... Okay, the Charlotte Hornets are playing solid ball, but are having a tough time

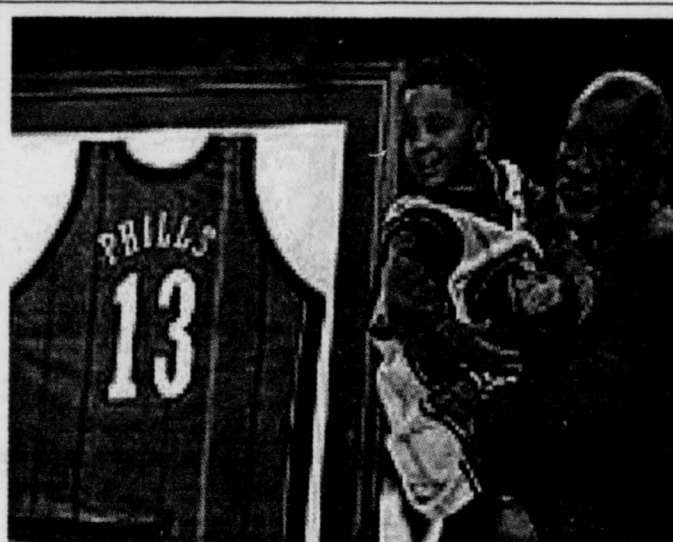


Photo courtesy of AP

Bobby Phils Sr. and Bobby Phils III present themselves at the retiring of Bobby Jr.'s number 13

"The Rock is the most electrifying man in sports entertainment. Vince Carter is the most electrifying man in basketball."

their roles... bums! Next week the Rock wants you to check out his thoughts on the Western Conference.

Until then, The Rock is gonna put on this \$500 shirt, go and find himself a Big Red Retard by the name of... The Rock forgets. Do Ya smell!!!!!!!!!!!!!! what The Rock is cooking?

Write a sports commentary on some prevalent issue in sports. Call 662-4986 for Darren.

on the road. That's bad news in playoff talk. You have to win on the road, and with David Wesley having charges hanging over his head in the wake of Phils' death, The Rock is interested to see how the season plays out in Carolina.

The Rock thinks that Chicago and Cleveland know

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So, we just wanted to say thanks.

And we hope you can lend us a hand again sometime :-)

Landry cont'd from page 10

The mural is dominated by the well-known image of a stone-faced Landry with his arms folded, wearing a business suit and his trademark fedora. He's also shown in his Giants uniform and there are images of the Landry family house in Mission, Texas Stadium and the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Several fans who visited Sunday left flowers, including blue-and-white bouquets. Two white

candles and a blue one were placed on top of a piece of paper with a drawing of the Cowboys' star and the words: "You brought honor and dignity to the game. You will not be forgotten."

When Jerry Jones bought the Cowboys in 1989 and promptly fired Landry, many Mission residents refused to watch a Cowboys game for a year.

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The Flashlight

Mansfield University - Mansfield, Pennsylvania

Bloodmobile today noon - 6 p.m.

By CARL MADONNA
Flashlight News Editor

Have you considered donating blood in the past but for some reason decided against the idea? Is there a specific reason as to why you will not donate?

If so, perhaps you should consider these reasons to make donating blood more bearable at the Blood Mobile which is pulling into Mansfield this afternoon from 12 to 6 p.m. at Manser's North Dining Hall. The goal for this particular drive is 150 units.

First of all, blood dona-

tions save lives. One unit of blood has the potential to save four human lives. Depending on donor blood are accident victims, patients suffering from severe burns and shock, premature newborns, cancer patients and patients bleeding disorders and blood diseases.

Secondly, there's a feeling of satisfaction you receive after donating blood. By donating blood, you are helping someone else. And, someday in the future if you need blood, someone else will have donated that life-saving unit, according to

Natalie Kennedy of the Laurel Health System.

Blood donations are also crucial at this stage of the year. The supply of blood is severely depleted during the holiday season when the demand for blood rises, while donations decline because of the busy holiday schedules. According to Jacklyn Wilson, Blood Services Coordinator for the American Red Cross, said, "With the recent winter storms and frigid conditions the Red Cross recovery from the severe blood shortage is still in danger."

Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh more than 105 pounds and be in generally

good health.

Wilson went on to say, "Mansfield University should be able to produce at least 300 donors, that is only 10 percent of the total campus population." Last year's effort brought in 117 donors and this year's drive is projected a realistic estimate of 150 donors.

"The blood type that we are in need of the most is type-O," Wilson added.

Donors may preregister for the blood drive, but pre-registration is not required in order to donate blood. It generally takes around one hour for the entire process of donat-



American Red Cross
1-800-GIVE LIFE

ing blood to be complete. This year's drive will be sponsored by Student Union, Panhel, IFC, SGA, ARHC and AraMark.

For any questions about the donating process or how to donate, please contact Jacklyn Wilson at (570) 724-2941.

Fires hit dorms

By DANIEL AMIDON
Flashlight Writer

A small fire on the third floor of Cedarcrest Residence Hall forced evacuation of residents at 12:50 a.m. on Tuesday. The blaze was quickly extinguished by a member of the Residence Life staff.

When the fire was discovered, the Cedarcrest Residence Hall was quickly evacuated. Holly Stewart, a 3 A resident, was part of the evacuation and was sleeping at the time of the disturbance. "I just saw the smoke throughout the hallway on my way to the stairs," said Stewart. "We stood outside for a half hour and then stayed in the Maple lobby another 20 minutes."

The fire, once contained and extinguished, was investigated by the Mansfield Fire Department to ensure the building was safe.

Reportedly a garbage can close to the elevators burst into flames and released large amounts of smoke into the hallway. Lacey Hessling, a 3 A resident whose door was closest to the blaze said, "I was walking out my door, and the smoke began pouring into my room. I could tell that the garbage can

was on fire, and I left the building with the others."

Terry Day, of Mansfield University public relations office, assures "the cause of the fire is still under investigation by University police" and that there was "no significant property damage and no reported injuries."

A similar garbage can fire was also reported on the second floor of Maple Hall B at approximately 7 p.m. Monday night.

The Residence Life staff was instrumental in taking charge of the situation in both cases. Dean of Residence Life, Michael LeMasters, was unable for comment at press time.

With the rash of recent college fires from Seton University Hall to Keystone College, a rampant fire bug may be on the loose here in Mansfield. Persons with any information regarding either incident, are asked to contact the University Police at ext.4900 or any Residence Life staff member.

Construction Update

Maple residence is next

By REBECCA J. SEAMANS
Flashlight Writer

The upcoming renovations that are scheduled for Mansfield University will also include work on the residence halls. The three main projects that are currently in the works in the residence halls are the telecommunications project, the renovation of Maple Manor and the Laurel Manor Lobby.

According to Michael LeMasters, Director of Residence Life, "The main project for this summer is the telecommunications system update for all residence halls." This will project will provide internet access in every room, two phone jacks and the upgrading of the cable system to make the reception in all the residence halls clearer.

The electrical and the plumbing systems (including new bathroom fixtures), the windows, and installing individual temperature controls in each room are the main focuses of the Maple renovations. The Maple Manor construction will probably not be in the works until next summer. Currently, the construction office is trying to find a contractor to

come up with plans for maximum use of the building while the construction is taking place.

Larry Clark, Director of Construction, says that a few options are, "To occupy one half of the building (A-side) while the other half (B-side) is being worked out, or work on the east end of a floor while the west end is being worked on, or even the top three floors being worked on while the bottom three are occupying residents."

One question that might be raised when dealing with the renovation of the residence halls is "Why is Maple first when all the buildings need help." When asked, LeMasters explained, "Since all the buildings were built around the same time, they are all similar in structure and in need of renovation. Based on the day-to-day demands of work orders and the many other problems in Maple, it becomes the priority."

The other residence halls are scheduled for a face-lift within a short time period of the completion of Maple. Look for construction information in future editions of *The Flashlight*. Next week: the renovations of the Laurel Manor lobby.

'...Forum' opens Thursday

By BOB MANGANELLO
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University Theater Department will present "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" from February 24-27. This comedy filled musical is the first Broadway Production to present music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.

The plot of the play centers around Pseudolus, played by Nathan Miller. Miller's character is a slave that will do just about anything to gain his freedom. Pseudolus is left in charge of his owner's young son named Hero. Hero is played by Paul Hahn, his character falls in love with a beautiful courtesan named Philia, played by Marie York. "Over the past five



Carl Madonna/FLASHLIGHT
Nathan Miller plays the lead in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

weeks, I've spent many hours dedicating myself to this once in a lifetime opportunity," said Miller.

This production is directed by Micheal Crumb

and Professor of music Youngsuk Kim is the musical director and pit conductor. The rest of the cast includes Joe Tamanini as Sexex, Shannon Niver as Domina, Timothy Mulroy as Hysterium, Psychology professor Dick Feil as Erronius, Adam Snyder as Miles Gloriosus and Joel Shade as Lycus. "I think this will be one of the most hilarious shows I've ever seen," said make up artist Brandi Tobias.

The show starts at 8 p.m. on Thursday thru Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday in Straughn Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 general admission, \$4 for senior citizens and \$2 for students with current M.U.I.D. For more information, contact the box office at (570) 662-4781.

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Forensics team places 4th

By JESSICA SHERIDAN
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University Forensics Team traveled to Grove City College in Grove City this weekend to compete in the state championship. Mansfield was one of 12 teams at the competition and placed in a respectable fourth.

At the contest there are different events held. The Pentathlon is the event in which the best competitors in the state face off to see who can lay claim to the overall individual title. MU's very own Darren DeVoue took home fifth place in this event. This means that out of all the students in the state, DeVoue ranked a resounding fifth.

The Prose Interpretation had three winners from Mansfield. DeVoue placed third, Ja'Nell Natson took sixth, and Carl Madonna came in seventh place. Next came the Informative Competition. Mansfield only had one winner in that event, Heather Borden in fourth. The Dramatic Interpretation involved DeVoue again as he placed second overall. Karen

Holgate followed closely with a third place finish.

The Poetry Competition saw DeVoue compete again. This time he slipped a notch down to third and Holgate followed again, this time taking fifth. DeVoue also competed in the Persuasive Event and took sixth place in that. The final event of the weekend was the Dramatic Duo competition. For this event participants are allowed to have up to two partners. Carl Madonna and Kari Weller finished in third. Madonna also received fifth place as he and DeVoue competed together.

Holgate said, "We did well this season, and developed good karma amongst the team."

"They're good results, but nothing to be satisfied with. It's onto Nationals," DeVoue said, "This season was better than the last, the team is looking forward to the national tournament."

The Forensics Team is headed by Dr. Sharon Carrish of the communication department. Overall,

Mansfield has competed in ten competitions and won 123 trophies this year. The team is not finished with their work though. The national tournament will be held April 13th-18th at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

The national competition is the highest level of competition, therefore it hosts the country's top teams. When asked to comment on the overall season Carrish stated that, "We had a solid season and we are hoping to continue our success at the national tournament. However, the national tournament is the hardest in the United States, but we will do our best."

First year competitors Madonna and Natson said, "This first year was educational and exciting. We are glad that we were able to be part of a successful program such as Mansfield's."

Madonna added, "We have established Mansfield as a power on the East Coast. Nationals will be an opportunity to excel our knowledge of forensics and build our program for following seasons."

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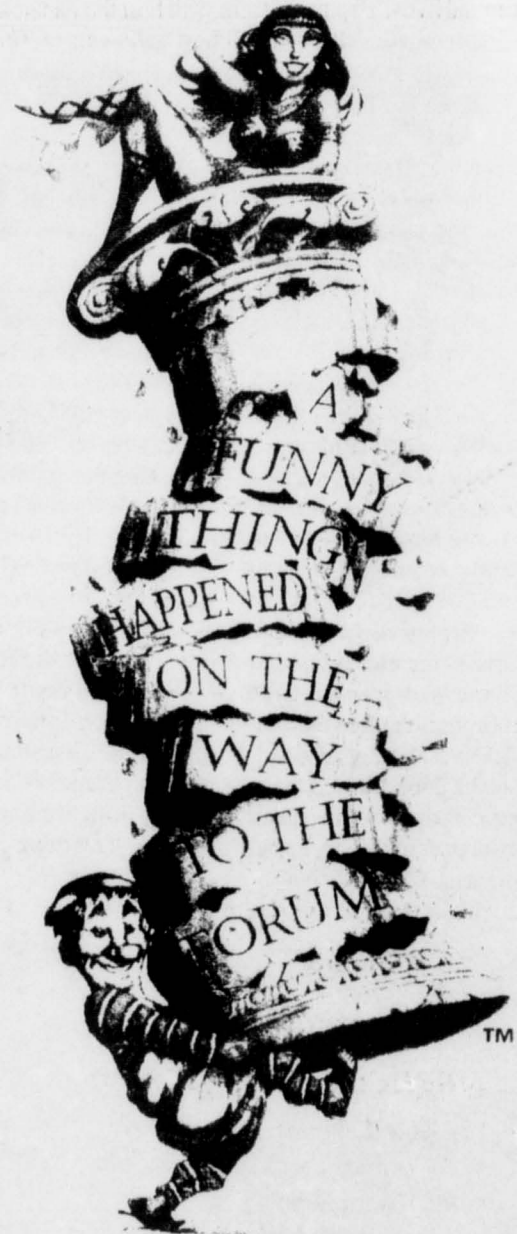
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Whose faces adorn North Hall?

By MARIA VALENZANO
Flashlight Writer

Every semester new faces walk around the campus here at Mansfield University. Many of these faces are strangers at first until they make friends and begin to blend in. Did you ever notice some faces that are a little out of the ordinary? They are the faces that are cast into North Hall. It was about two-weeks ago when I was standing outside of Memorial Hall, with Stacey Staudenmeier, a Flashlight writer, when we noticed two of the faces.

To view these faces you have to look at the North Hall entrance that faces Memorial Hall, which is blocked off for students. Above the door is where they are cast, a woman on the left and a man on the

right. Both of these faces appear to be giving the onlooker a haunting glare, as their eyes catch yours. I could feel the history of their being as I stared at them. It made me wonder who they were and if they were actual students here at Mansfield at one time in history, or just an interpretation of the artist who created them.

These faces stick out, but the history of their identity remains a mystery. I spoke with Les Achey, of the North Hall Library and he told me the history of the faces as to when they were put into the building. As of today there are no records of the people who might have posed for them. Sometimes not all history is meant to be discovered.

There is also another set of faces which surround



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the North Hall Library. They are located directly above the porch area. These faces are facing directly west. Perhaps they are looking toward their future, or they could just be looking at the amazing sunsets you can view from North Hall.

Encouraging communication

By SUZANNE YEAGER
Flashlight Writer

An open meeting of the President's Commission on the Status of Women, held Wednesday, Feb. 16 joined more than 45 people for a speech by Communication professor, Dr. Sue Young on the topic of Masculine and Feminine Forms of Communication. "We are trying to encourage the process of communication," Young said.

She emphasized that a person may find elements of both masculine and feminine communication in themselves, but the two styles operate from different purposes and different socialization.

One of these purposes is the Playground Theory. This explains that children learn from their peers in their same sex groups. Boys play in large groups with sports-oriented, competitive games with clear, set rules and goals. Their communication is used to assert themselves and their ideas, attract and maintain an audience and to compete with other people. These games often include: football, kick ball, baseball, capture the flag, etc.

Girls play in pairs or small intimate groups. They communicate to each other about the games and less rules are involved in the games. In this theory, female communication is important for collaborative or cooperative talk, and as females, they are socialized to avoid criticism.

In this theory, females have learned that they must be attentive and make everyone happy.

In Feminine communication, talk is the essence of relationships. Equality between people is important and taking turns sharing and involving the other person rather than the content. Communication supports others and women focus on the relationship level of meaning. Feminine communicators probe to understand the masculine communicators feelings and meanings.

In Masculine communication, the goal is to preserve control, independence and to help their status. They use an assertive style to challenge others' ideas. Masculine communicators avoid self-disclosure of information because it makes them appear weak and exposes vulnerability. They give advice mainly to maintain control, often ignoring emotions just to focus on the solution to the problem.

Masculine communicators dominate conversations and often interrupt more than the feminine. Their communication tends to be absolute and assertive, often closing the conversation taking place. Lastly, masculine communicators have minimal response cues, such as "yeah," "uh huh," and "sure."

So next time you think that your partner is ignoring you, remember that, "it doesn't mean that the person isn't listening; it's just that they might have a different communication style than you," according to Dr. Young.

Hut Happenings

By AMBER LINDQUIST
Flashlight Writer

Zanzibar dance parties were not always hosted at the Hut which was formerly recognized as the Art Hut. This function was moved to the Hut in 1988. The necessary changes made in order to accommodate this venture totaled more than \$32,000. Most of these fees went toward audio-visual equipment and exterior lighting.

This week's schedule includes: 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. is MAC's coffee house presenting Adam and Eves, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. will host the Zanzibar dance party and at 8 p.m. on Saturday, the Sigma movie collection will host a showing of *The Other Side*.

Student Success Seminars

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Information Technology

6 - 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 1
Library Classroom

Presenter: Tamela Bastion, Training Coordinator - Information Technology

Diversity

6 - 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 15
Laurel B Lounge

Presenter: Annie Cooper, Director of Multicultural Affairs

Scheduling

6 - 7 p.m., Thursday, March 23
Maple Conference Room

Presenter: Deborah Rotella, Athletic Mentor

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"O" team wants you

By DEBORAH WIDMEIER
Flashlight Writer

The orientation team has been a part of welcoming incoming freshmen for about fifteen years. The people chosen to be a part of this are extremely important because they are the first impression that potential students get.

Anyone with a grade point average of a 2.5 or better is eligible. Applicants also need to attend Mansfield in the fall semester after orientation. The reason for this is because students will remember your face and may come to you with questions throughout the semester.

The orientation team is looking for people who are outgoing and friendly. You must

also interact well with students, parents, peers, faculty and staff. The position starts June 4 and ends July 6. Training will take place the week of June 4. The team members will work on getting to know each other, making posters, signs and creating a skit for the freshmen and their parents. The orientation team also helps check families in and out during orientation, and basically puts the weekend's events together.

You may be asking, what is in it for you? The answer is that it will be a wonderful experience, and you will get to learn and interact with new people. It will also enhance your verbal and leadership skills.

Those selected to be a part of the orientation team will

live on campus, and receive the benefits of free room and board. Members will also be paid \$1,425 for the month. At the end of the summer there will also be make-up sessions and the team will have the opportunity to come back and make a little more money.

Interested people should contact Mr. LeMasters at 4933. Applications can be picked up in the residence life office in pinecrest. The application deadline is March 3, and the applicants will be required to schedule and attend a short interview with Mr. LeMasters. This would be a great experience for anyone who is interested. Not only will you learn something about others, you may also learn something about yourself.

Speakers: Harassment more than misunderstanding

By KIMBERLY SAPONE
Editor in Chief

Sexual harassment on college campuses and in the workplace was the topic of a presentation by SST Communications from Chicago last Thursday.

The four presenters, David, Lisa Marie, Susan and John, stressed that sexual harassment is more than just a misunderstanding. By using different situations men and women typically encounter in everyday life, along with giving statistics on sexual harassment, the presenters questioned if certain behaviors are complimentary or if they really were unwelcomed advances.

The government spends a reported \$90 million dollars a year on sexual harassment cases. The average Fortune 500 company spends an average of \$6.7 million dollars a year on the same cases. The presenters also gave the Random House and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission definitions of sexual harassment. Both of these build on the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which says that an administration is responsible to act if they know about an alleged act of sexual harassment.

More than half of all acts of sexual harassment is verbal. Other types of harassment include graphic, physical, staring, flirting, gestures and touching. A Cornell study revealed that 92 percent of people surveyed have reported acts of serious sexual harassment, while 70 percent of people have been harassed in some way. Most of these people are young women in traditional roles, although SST Communications stressed that harassment happens to both men and women.

SST Communications suggested the best way to fight sexual harassment on campus or in the workplace is to be assertive in saying you are uncomfortable, rather than ignoring it.

The main point SST Communications stressed was that sexual harassment must be perceived as a problem that will not be tolerated. It is the individual's responsibility to know their campus or office policies about sexual harassment. Mansfield University's policies can be found in the Password.

SST Communications was started in 1987 with just one program on substance abuse. They have since traveled across the nation, presenting programs such as cultural diversity and violence in the workplace.

SGA will rock the house

By LES WILLIAMS
Flashlight Writer

Do you like to shake your booty? Can you get your groove on? Well, starting at 6 p.m. on April 14, lasting until 6 the following morning, there will be a Dance-a-thon at Decker Gym. This was a topic brought up at Monday night's Student Government Association meeting. The proceeds will benefit the Children's Miracle Network. Abigail Costley, Americorps. Vista Volunteer Inservice to America, also announced a couple of stipulations. First, all contestants must bring their pledge money that night. The minimum pledge donation is 1 dollar an hour, or 12 dollars.

Joseph Maresco, Vice President of Student Affairs remarked that when Penn State held it's Dance-a-thon, they raised over 3 million dollars. The second stipulation is that contestants must bring their dancing shoes with them, and not wear them up to Decker. Participants do not have to wear shoes, they can also dance in socks.

This event is open to not just Mansfield University students, also to the general community. Anybody interested in SGA can attend the meetings every Monday night at 9, in Memorial Hall.

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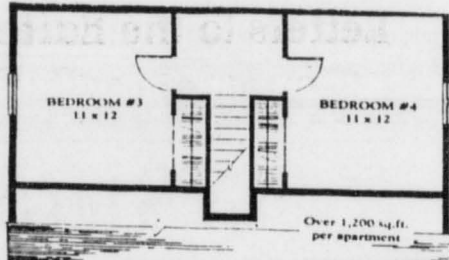
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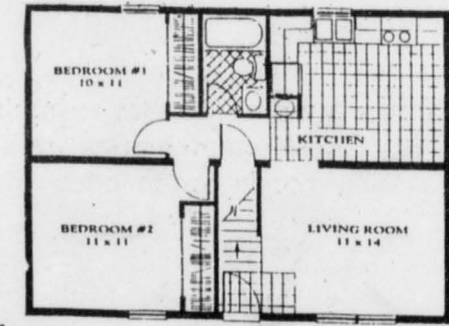
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Go, win some dough

By **KAREN HOLGATE**
Flashlight Writer

I have found a new source of cash flow for those of you who are allergic to work. This does require intelligence though. See, I have been spending time watching the Game Show Network. There are games for all kinds of people. Too bad the really easy ones are gone.

I was devastated when I found out that "\$100,000 Pyramid" was off the air. I could really make some quick cash there. Although, if you get stuck with a dud for a celeb you're down for the count.

There are still other games out there. Last week, I owned "College Jeopardy." Trust me, the college tournament is way easier than any other - except the high school and celebrity ones. Unless you are super smart, and I'm talking on same level as Albert Einstein, you have no chance at the regular show.

Then there is one of my favorites "Win Ben Stein's Money." Excellent atmosphere, cool host and fun questions. The first two levels are easy. Most of those questions you learn in high school. But watch out, when it comes down to you and Ben, one on one, you don't stand a chance. I only get two or three out of the ten questions. I beat Ben once but it was only by one point. He was having an off day.

The easiest, by far, are the shopping shows like "Supermarket Sweep." Spend a whole day in the market, and it gets to be like taking a money from a trust fund baby. "Shop till You Drop" is a mallrat's dream. I would give up a credit card to be on that show. My all time favorite is "Price is Right." Now this is harder than it appears. If you work it just right you'll get an easy game like the dice or Plinko. If you're unlucky, you get stuck with stuff where you have to guess the prices of prizes, not multiple choice style. Quick fix for that though, memorize you're supermarket and J.C. Penney catalog.

Now we come to the newest wave of "get rich quick shows" which include, but are not limited to, "Greed" and "Twenty-one." These shows require little thought and lots of guts. Some of you are saying I forgot "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire." Trust me I didn't. See, I tried to get on that show. I called the 800 number and found it busy. How am I supposed to realize my dream if the phone lines are tied up? Plus, I am beginning to be annoyed by the music and lights. How do you take it, Regis? Oh, and by the way, could you slap those people who use their lifelines before they hit \$32,000. And Regis, who doesn't know "duck, duck..."?

Take my word for it, I've been studying these shows for years. They are your best bet for easy money. Spend a little time with your World Book Encyclopedias and you've got it made. If you like it really easy, you could marry a multi-millionaire. I missed out on that sweet deal. But now that I see the reports that he had a restraining order against him and might not even be a millionaire, I'm kinda glad that one slipped by me.

So, get out there and make some cake! And if anyone get's on the Millionaire show make me a lifeline, I know tons of useless trivia. And I'd only charge you twenty percent of your winnings!

Marry a multi-millionaire?

By **ERICA GALLAGHER**
Northern Star
(Northern Illinois U.)

(U-WIRE) DEKALB, Ill. — Maybe it's the sloppy feminist sneaking out of me, but I have a hell of a problem with the "Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire" show that aired live in Las Vegas on Fox last week.

OK, first off, why did the multi-millionaire have to be a man? Is it America's obsession with the knight in shining armor coming to the damsel's rescue that makes the plot so appealing?

Aren't there any lonely female millionaires out there who wanted to get hitched, or are they all crusty, old widows?

In case you missed it, the "knight" was a real estate tycoon who played God as one by one, 50 women strutted themselves across his heart — aiming at his hand in marriage. And shame on me for not initiating a bet on the bride — it turned out to be the petite bronzed and blonde piece of work, and I knew it all along.

But before the marriage was set in stone (a three-carat diamond, nonetheless) 49 other disasters pranced across the flashy Vegas stage.

As I watched the introductions, which seemed like an eternity, I laughed with dual emotions — half in disappointment and half in amusement. After all, this wasn't the Miss America pageant, and some of the gals were just hopeless.

When I sobered up from the comedic performances, I became embarrassed for all of

those wastes of women who exited the stage as quickly as they entered and for Mr. Millionaire himself, but not as sorry as I was for Darva Conger.

The poor dear must have had some story book notion that she was destined to marry a man who'd remain faceless until he proposed in front of the nation.

So who better deserves a multi-millionaire?

Conger is soap opera material down to the tips of her French manicure. But like the best of the daytime drama mamas, a little low on the self-esteem-a-meter.

With her head so far in dreamland, like the others, she was desperate enough to follow through with acting out some "15 minutes of fame" wedding fantasy.

I believe the whole show fed off the notion of acting out because as badly as those final 49 "finances" wanted the ring, the new car, the shopping money and the man — I would be willing to bet they're happy they weren't picked, after all.

But if they're kicking themselves all the way home for not striking gold, I'd have to call them prostitutes.

I suggest that any woman who goes to the extreme to degrade herself on what was the most-watched show of the evening in front of a strange man's 80 relatives and friends is where quality.

I'm quite disappointed at the Fox Network as well for conducting such a trick-turning spectacle.

Of course, Fox's motive

was obvious.

The bottom line is that Fox wanted to win the night's ratings race, and what better way than to one-up ABC and Regis with a high-stakes dating game?

So to cast a shadow on Fox is to shun pure genius.

To say Fox is derogatory may be true — but stupid it is not.

Women flocked the malls, called radio stations and showed an exuberant amount of enthusiasm for this gig.

Men alike fought to be the wistful groom (although his role proved more like The Wizard of Oz with all of its ambiguities).

Everything was in place for a successful ratings night, a big audience turnout and an open window to run this stint in the future. The goal wasn't necessarily to make two people happy together in life — it was about money right down to the name of the show.

I don't see how the pooling and narrowing down of women is a surefire way to match one man with his life partner.

I don't think it's natural. I don't think baiting the love hook with dollar bills is humane, nor is playing fairy godmother to grown women.

But for the fiances turned bridesmaids, I hope they just mosey on home to Boringville, USA, realizing that the glass slipper is just a figment of their imagination.

I also hope they get their heads out of their asses and realize love is not found in two hours or seven figures.

And for the American audience and Fox, and all the warped individuals who think this kind of television programming is positive — Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo — it's not.

Campus Voices

Each week the feature staff of *The Flashlight* will be hitting the campus and finding out what YOU think.

Would you marry a multi-millionaire without
knowing who they are or what they look like?
Why or why not?

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"Sure. Why not?"
Echo Scherer, freshman, elementary
education/special education

"No, because I want to marry
my boyfriend and he's broke."

Melissa Wood, sophomore,
elementary education/special education



"No, because I believe in love,
if any girls are interested."
Jeff Stafford, junior, PR/Communication

"Yes, because if they turn out to be ugly I could turn
around and divorce them and take their millions. How
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Justin Goth, freshman, undeclared



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3rd Annual Gong Show

Show off your talents February 28 at 8:15 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. Door prizes will be awarded along with prizes for first, second and third place and a special prize for the worst act. Costs: \$5 for each act; \$1 for all tickets. See any Kappa Kappa Psi brother for tickets and an application. Call Eric at x5974 or Lindsey at x5880 for information. Sponsored by Kappa Kappa Psi.

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SGA has extended the deadline for time capsule submissions. A letter will be sent to all student organizations regarding the new due date.

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All are invited to a free lunch and meeting on March 2.

MAC

If you have a musical talent that you'd like to show off to friends and/or the campus, call 662-7537 and ask for Larry, Chairman of Coffeehouse.

Campus Wide Talent Show

Talent show to benefit Multiple Sclerosis on Friday, March 24 at The Hut. For more information call Ja'Nell at 662-0979. Sponsored by the Black Student Union

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Flashlight Futures

By MARIE & KATE

Flashlight Psychic

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Pisces ♉ 2/20 - 3/21

Stop sacrificing your thoughts or wishes in order to accommodate others. You need to start living your life for yourself. After you start doing this you'll find yourself happier and able to enjoy life a little more than you have been lately.

WHAT TO EAT : croissants

Aries ♈ 3/22 - 4/20

Your gullibility level has been on the rise lately. People are actually taking bets on stories they think they can pull over on you. Try not to take everything so seriously. Lighten up and joke along. You shouldn't believe everything you hear.

WHAT TO EAT : gummy worms

Taurus ♉ 4/21 - 5/21

It's time to change your bad habits and substitute some positive ones. Instead of biting your nails, paint them. Instead of tapping your pencil, write your psychology paper. Instead of scraping your teeth against your fork, use a spoon.

WHAT TO EAT : chicken lo mein

Gemini ♊ 5/22 - 6/21

Those crazy thoughts that have been keeping your mind occupied lately aren't doing anything constructive for you except helping you memorize the number times you toss and turn. Take time to relax before you try to go to sleep to clear your mind. WHAT TO EAT : spaghetti

Cancer ♋ 6/22 - 7/23

Time for you to enroll in that class entitled "How to rework your patience quotient." Everyone is noticing how you can't stand to wait even a minute. It's fine if you want to live your life in a hurry but others might want to take a more leisurely route. WHAT TO EAT : Cheetos

Leo ♌ 7/24 - 8/23

You've been reading too much into things these past few days. Sometimes things are just as simple as they appear. Take situations as they come and your instinct will let you know when further analyzation is in order.

WHAT TO EAT : chili

Virgo ♍ 8/24 - 9/23

Are you consistently finding yourself cutting corners? This week let's try avoiding avoidance. Look at your tasks straight on and tackle them without trying to make any aspect easier. The sense of completion will be worth it in the end.

WHAT TO EAT : zucchini

Libra ♎ 9/24 - 10/23

Your overly envious feelings this week are causing people to look at you and wonder what's up. Try taking pride in your own belongings and spend some time focuses on what you like about yourself, not everyone you're surrounded by.

WHAT TO EAT : Cheerios

Scorpio ♏ 10/24 - 11/22

It's a wonderful attribute that when something looks bleak you try to give it some sunshine. But you need to learn to put an end to no-hope situations. It seems as though you've missed out on perfectly good opportunities while trying to fix ones that just don't want your handywork. WHAT TO EAT : ham sandwich

Sagittarius ♐ 11/23 - 12/22

Your team efforts have been lacking this week. This is due to your frustration when people give you a taste of your own medicine. My only advice to you is don't dish it out if you can't take it. WHAT TO EAT : stuffed mushrooms

Capricorn ♑ 12/23 - 1/20

That trip you've been planning on taking might need some re-evaluation. Check tickets and hotel registrations for minor flaws, you can never been too cautious. Make sure to pack all the necessities and don't forget your toothbrush!

WHAT TO EAT : Doritos

Aquarius ♒ 1/21 - 2/19

Your moodiness is striking your peers as odd. Maybe you should start to wonder yourself why you've been in such a bad mood lately and try to rectify it. In the meantime, smile more. Frowning isn't very fun.

WHAT TO EAT : ice cream

Special Olympics of Tioga County

is looking for individuals or groups to volunteer at their Annual Spring Track & Field Event from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Thursday, April 27.

Escorts and groups to run activities at the event are needed.

For more information or to sign up, contact Tanya at 662-3639 or stop by Retan Center 213.

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Flashlight Sports

Women flourish on Senior Day

By Nicole Cortese
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University women's basketball team is back on the horse, as they defeated Cheyney University, 66-57, Saturday afternoon in PSAC East division play. The game marked the last home appearance for the 1999-2000 women's basketball team, and the final home appearance of seniors Colleen Doherty (**Upper Darby/Upper Darby**), Heather Nichols (**East Smithfield/Athens**), and Kelly Lerch (**Erie/Central**).

These three ladies stood tall, as they were wished a final farewell by their coaches, teammates, and fans. The ball will no longer bounce in Decker Gymnasium for the three, but they left the court posting points and statistics we will remember them for.

Nichols ripped down 10 boards, contributing to the team-high in rebounds, and recorded six points, while Doherty tallied five points, and pulled down two rebounds. Lerch evened things out with five points, while gathering five caroms.

They may not have all

the wins they hoped for this season, but they walked off the court Saturday afternoon with the skill, memory, and heart they have instilled in the talented team returning next year.

Talented is the only word used to describe the outstanding play from Lynelle Mosley (**Media/Pinecrest**) and Nikki Snyder (**Listen/Listen**). The two freshman stepped up and reassured the seniors that they will be alright next year, as they combined for 26 points to assist the Lady Mountaineers cause. Together they racked up the points and put on a show for the crowd.

Mosley was on fire from three-point range. She hammered five of her attempted eight and contributed three assists. This game also marked Mosley's career high point total for her first season. Snyder was the key on defense, stealing two errant passes from Cheyney and snagging four rebounds. She matched her defensive skills with her offensive guile, hitting five of her six from the field and adding two assists.

Mansfield had 12 Mountaineers in double figures, and they took control of the boards over Cheyney, pulling down 49 rebounds to Cheyney's

33. Cheyney saw good play out of Shivonne Augustine. She scored the game-high of 21 points.

Mansfield is 4-6 in the PSAC East. They will travel to Kutztown and Millersville this week to see if they can finish the season with a .500 record.

En route to their win against Cheyney, the Lady Mountaineers needed to face the second place Huskies from Bloomsburg University last Wednesday evening. They almost got the ball rolling again, but Bloomsburg squeezed by with a 71-61 win in PSAC East divisions play.

The Lady Mountaineers played like they did in the first half of the season, when they took control from the get-go. They had an 11-point lead over the visitors in the first half.

Jennifer Nichols (**East Smithfield/Athens**) and Allyson Buss (**Notre Dame/Nazareth**) was a highlight in the first half away as she knocked down a three-pointer and Buss drilled her free throws. This rally by the two gave Mansfield a 31-20 lead with the clock winding down to the half. Bloomsburg's Jen Bryan would not leave those points unanswered as she scored six to lead a 10-2 run and bring her

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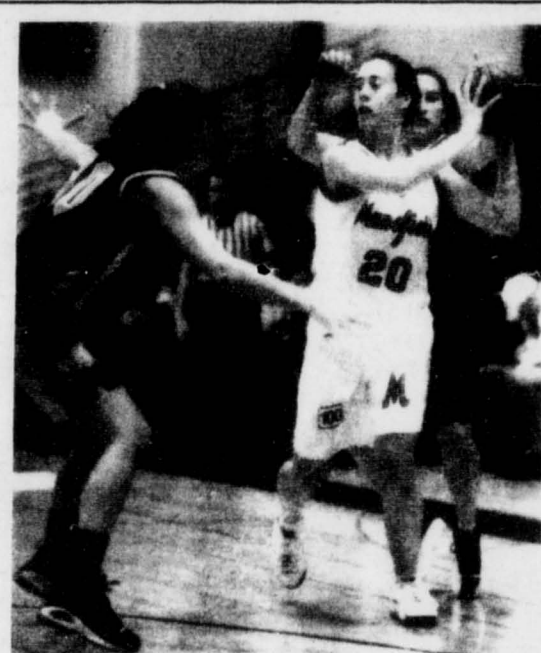


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Heather Nichols looks for an open teammate. She and her fellow seniors bid farewell to the hardwood at Decker Gymnasium with a win, Saturday.

Swim team at PSAC's

Special to The Flashlight

INDIANA, PA -- The Mansfield University women's swimming team finished eighth at the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Championships Saturday and broke a school-record in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Clarion won the team championship with West Chester placing second.

The 400-freestyle relay team of Jaime Ragukonis (Dallas/Bishop Hoban), Candace Cipolla (Sinking Spring/Wilson), Theresa Ulett (Lee's Summit, MO/Lee's Summit) and Cristina Jacome (Quito-Ecuador/American School of Quito placed ninth with a school record time of 3:4.03.

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Men's team has a .500 week

By Nicole Cortese
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University Men's Basketball Team ended the home slate of their 1999-2000 season on a high note, beating Cheyney University, 87-74, in PSAC East division action.

The 1999-2000 men's basketball team and fans said their good-byes and thank yous to four seniors that gave us so many great memories.

Tommy Harvey (**Pottstown/Pottstown**), Kevin Perlake (**Wilkes-Barre/Coughlin**), Anthony Brown (**Harrisburg/Susquehanna Township**), and Mark Bristol (**Philadelphia/Martin Luther King**) sank their last shot and pulled down their last rebound in Decker Gymnasium on



Photo provided

School career-scoring leader Tommy Harvey and the other seniors closed out their last homestand with a victory over Cheyney.

Saturday afternoon.

Whether it was nail-biting action or record breaking games, in the past four years here at Mansfield, these

four, young men gave the coaches, teammates, and fans something to cheer about.

Keeping with their

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This week's events in Mountie Sports

Men's Basketball:
Wed. @ Kutztown
Sat. @ Millersville

Women's Basketball:
Wed. @ Kutztown
Sat. @ Millersville

Indoor Track:
Sun. @ East Stroudsburg

Swimming:
Mar. 9-12 @ Buffalo
NCAA Div. II Championships

Flashlight Sports Trivia Twister
Category: Pro Basketball

When was the last time the Philadelphia Sixers won their division?

Last week's answer:
The 1990-'91 UNLV Runnin' Rebels

See next week's issue for MU Softball and Baseball previews.

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ESPN Men's Top 25

1. Stanford (22-1)
2. Duke (21-3)
3. Cincinnati (24-2)
4. Arizona (23-4)
5. Michigan State (20-6)
6. Ohio State (18-5)
7. Tennessee (21-4)
8. Auburn (21-4)
9. Oklahoma State (21-3)
10. Florida (20-5)
11. Syracuse (21-3)
12. Temple (20-4)
13. Tulsa (25-2)
14. Indiana (18-5)
15. Texas (19-6)
16. Kentucky (19-7)
17. LSU (21-4)
18. Iowa State (22-4)
19. Maryland (19-7)
20. Oklahoma (20-5)
21. Connecticut (18-7)
22. Vanderbilt (17-6)
23. Kansas (19-7)
24. Utah (19-5)
25. Purdue (19-7)

ESPN Women's Top 25

1. Connecticut (24-1)
2. Georgia (26-2)
3. Tennessee (23-3)
4. Louisiana Tech (22-2)
5. Notre Dame (23-2)
6. Penn State (22-3)
7. NC State (20-6)
8. Texas Tech (21-3)
9. (tie) Iowa State (19-5)
9. (tie) LSU (20-5)
11. Rutgers (17-6)
12. Duke (21-4)
13. UC-Santa Barbara (23-3)
14. Arizona (20-5)
15. Auburn (20-5)
16. Old Dominion (20-4)
17. Purdue (17-7)
18. Mississippi State (19-6)
19. Boston College (21-6)
20. Oklahoma (20-6)
21. Tulane (23-3)
22. Virginia (21-6)
23. UCLA (15-7)
24. Kansas (19-6)
25. Marquette (22-4)

National Hockey League Standings

Eastern Conference

| Atlantic | W | L | T | Pts. |
|----------------|----|----|----|------|
| New Jersey | 36 | 16 | 7 | 83 |
| Philadelphia | 30 | 17 | 11 | 72 |
| Pittsburgh | 26 | 26 | 6 | 63 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 24 | 28 | 9 | 60 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 17 | 35 | 7 | 42 |

| Northeast | W | L | T | Pts. |
|-----------|----|----|----|------|
| Toronto | 30 | 22 | 7 | 70 |
| Ottawa | 28 | 21 | 9 | 67 |
| Buffalo | 24 | 27 | 9 | 59 |
| Montreal | 23 | 28 | 7 | 56 |
| Boston | 18 | 24 | 16 | 56 |

| Southeast | W | L | T | Pts. |
|------------|----|----|---|------|
| Florida | 30 | 21 | 4 | 73 |
| Washington | 29 | 20 | 9 | 68 |
| Carolina | 25 | 27 | 8 | 58 |
| Tampa Bay | 12 | 38 | 7 | 37 |
| Atlanta | 11 | 41 | 6 | 32 |

Western Conference

| Central | W | L | T | Pts. |
|-----------|----|----|---|------|
| St. Louis | 37 | 15 | 6 | 80 |
| Detroit | 35 | 19 | 6 | 77 |
| Nashville | 20 | 33 | 6 | 51 |
| Chicago | 20 | 31 | 7 | 49 |

| Northwest | W | L | T | Pts. |
|-----------|----|----|----|------|
| Colorado | 28 | 24 | 9 | 66 |
| Edmonton | 21 | 24 | 15 | 65 |
| Calgary | 25 | 29 | 6 | 61 |
| Vancouver | 19 | 29 | 10 | 54 |

| Pacific | W | L | T | Pts. |
|-------------|----|----|---|------|
| Dallas | 33 | 21 | 5 | 73 |
| Phoenix | 32 | 20 | 6 | 71 |
| Los Angeles | 28 | 23 | 7 | 66 |
| San Jose | 25 | 29 | 8 | 55 |
| Anaheim | 25 | 26 | 9 | 60 |

Men's ball cont'd
tradition of excitement, Saturday was nothing less. Harvey, with his speedy legs and bright red headband, left the court with under 2:00 on the clock. He scored 20 points and had four assists and five rebounds, and added two blocked shots in his last appearance. Harvey has cemented his place as one of the greats in MU basketball history. Perluke shot "ice-cold" drilling two from three-point range. He finished with

seven points for the day, while the big, determined heart of Brown racked up four points and pulled down seven rebounds.

Demontrick Doddles (York/William Penn) who lead the first half 19-3 run, ended his day with 20 points. Cheyney lead by one point late in the first half before Doddles took control of the action. The score was 46-31 going into the intermission. Mansfield would enjoy a double-digit lead for the rest of the game.

National Basketball Association Standings

Eastern Conference

| Atlantic | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|------|
| Miami | 32 | 19 | .627 | — |
| New York | 31 | 19 | .620 | .5 |
| Philadelphia | 28 | 24 | .538 | 4.5 |
| Orlando | 25 | 27 | .481 | 7.5 |
| Boston | 22 | 30 | .423 | 10.5 |
| New Jersey | 21 | 31 | .404 | 11.5 |
| Washington | 15 | 38 | .283 | 18 |

Central

| | | | | |
|-----------|----|----|------|------|
| Indiana | 34 | 17 | .667 | — |
| Charlotte | 29 | 22 | .568 | 5 |
| Toronto | 27 | 24 | .529 | 7 |
| Milwaukee | 27 | 26 | .509 | 8 |
| Detroit | 25 | 26 | .490 | 9 |
| Atlanta | 20 | 29 | .408 | 13 |
| Cleveland | 21 | 31 | .404 | 13.5 |
| Chicago | 12 | 38 | .240 | 21.5 |

Western Conference

| Midwest | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|------|
| San Antonio | 34 | 18 | .654 | — |
| Utah | 31 | 19 | .620 | 2 |
| Minnesota | 28 | 23 | .549 | 5.5 |
| Denver | 23 | 28 | .451 | 10.5 |
| Dallas | 22 | 29 | .431 | 11.5 |
| Houston | 21 | 32 | .396 | 13.5 |
| Vancouver | 16 | 35 | .314 | 17.5 |

Pacific

| | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|------|------|
| Portland | 42 | 11 | .792 | — |
| L.A. Lakers | 41 | 11 | .788 | .5 |
| Phoenix | 31 | 19 | .620 | 9.5 |
| Seattle | 33 | 21 | .611 | 9.5 |
| Sacramento | 31 | 21 | .596 | 10.5 |
| Golden State | 14 | 37 | .275 | 27 |
| L.A. Clippers | 11 | 42 | .208 | 31 |

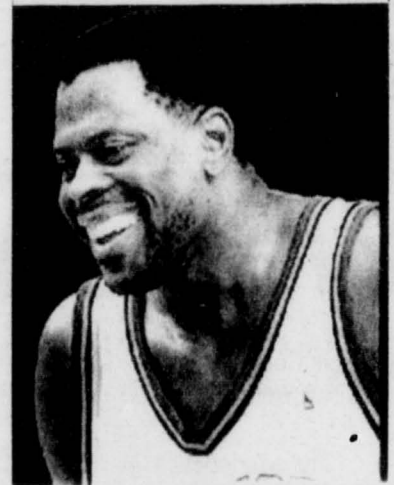


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Patrick Ewing and the Knicks, are getting key players back for the stretch run.

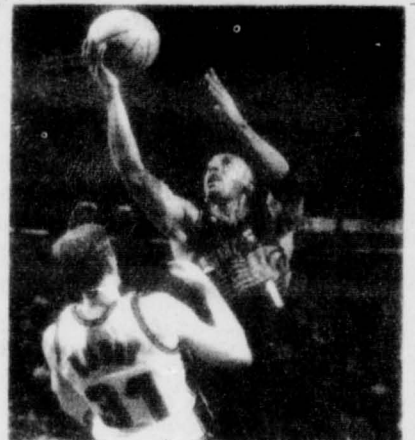


Photo courtesy of AP

Penny Hardaway and the Phoenix Suns are ascending in the Pacific division standings.

Biscuits and Gravy for this week

Dale Jarret won the Daytona 500 this Saturday in Daytona, Florida. Jarret's car was damaged during the final practice run Saturday afternoon, when it was hit from behind, and clipped another car. His crew worked overnight to prepare the car for the



Photo courtesy of AP

Dale Jarret celebrates Sunday's Daytona 500 victory.

PSAC Standings

MEN

| Eastern Division | PSAC | Total |
|------------------|------|-------|
| West Chester | 8-2 | 18-5 |
| Cheyney | 7-4 | 15-7 |
| Bloomsburg | 6-4 | 17-7 |
| Millersville | 6-4 | 11-13 |
| East Stroudsburg | 4-7 | 6-17 |
| Kutztown | 3-7 | 10-14 |
| MANSFIELD | 2-8 | 12-12 |

WOMEN

| Eastern Division | PSAC | Total |
|------------------|------|-------|
| Millersville | 9-1 | 19-5 |
| Bloomsburg | 8-2 | 15-8 |
| Kutztown | 7-3 | 19-5 |
| West Chester | 5-5 | 10-13 |
| MANSFIELD | 4-6 | 6-18 |
| East Stroudsburg | 3-8 | 11-14 |
| Cheyney | 0-11 | 2-20 |

The Mountaineers overcame a tough overtime loss to the Huskies of Bloomsburg.

The first half was filled with hustle and dead-eye shooting. The Mountaineers went into the intermission tied with the visiting Huskies.

The same determination played in the first half was brought back to the court in the second. The teams battled back and forth, each benefiting from the slightest

next day's race. It was the third time in the past eight years that Jarret, the defending Winston Cup champion, won the NASCAR showcase. The Detroit Tigers avoided disciplinary action from Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig by launching a series of programs directed at minorities.

The Tigers had yet to comply with an edict Selig had issued last April. The edict was intended to persuade clubs to hire minorities in key positions... Women's soccer will go professional. An eight- to- 10 team league, known as the Women's United Soccer Association, is set to debut in April of next year. Not to be outdone, Major League Soccer is planning a women's league to its male league... An arbitrator ruled that Barry Sanders must keep returning portions of his \$11 million signing bonus to the Detroit Lions if he remains retired. Sanders must pay back \$1.83 million each year, which is one-sixth of his six-year contract. Sanders agent said Sanders will return the money if the Lions release him... Serena Williams earned her sixth career singles title by defeating Denise Chladkora 6-1, 6-1 to win the Faber Grand Prix in

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points, the team-high. He hammered away from three-point range, hitting seven of 16 attempts. Damar Lopez (York/William Penn) and Lorne Creighton (Lancaster/McCaskey) both contributed 14 points to the Mountaineer cause. Creighton, who lead the scoring last week, had five rebounds and blocked four of Bloomsburg's shots.

The Mountaineers will travel to Kutztown and Millersville this week to finish off their 1999-2000 season.

The return of Electrifying thought on the NBA

By The Rock
Guest Flashlight Writer

It has been a week, but finally, The Rock has returned give the thousands (AND THOUSANDS) of The Rock's fans in Mansfield, PA the lowdown on the Western Conference of the National Basketball Association. The Rock will start with the Pacific Division.

Do you smell what the Portland Trailblazers are cookin'? The Blazers are on an eight game winning streak, and have won nine of their last ten. They are The Rock's favorite to win the NBA title. Last season, The Rock thought the Blazers were an Isaiah Rider subtraction away from a championship. This year, the Blazers upgraded with Scottie Pippen. Portland also owns the league's best road record at 22-8, which can translate to sweep in playoff talk.

The Rock has an announcement to make; "Paging Glen Rice, paging Glen Rice. Your team is looking for a consistent return on its trade of two solid young players for you." The Los Angeles Lakers are doing a solid job of trying to keep pace with the Blazers. The Lakers have won their last seven in a row and eight of their last ten. The Lakers are on a seven game road swing and have scored wins over the Miami Heat and the Philadelphia Sixers. The Rock finds it interesting that Kobe Bryant's defense has improved since he turned 21. Sunday he had Allen Iverson ripping out his rows, by holding the NBA scoring leader scoreless in the second half.

Phoenix is now trying to get in on the winning ways of the Pacific by winning five in a row and seven of their last ten. The Suns will be dangerous in the playoffs, when considering that they possibly have the best backcourt in the NBA with Jason Kidd and Penny Hardaway. The Eastern Conference better hope that the Suns don't come out of the West in June. The Suns have given the East Coast the smackdown, going 16-4 against the East side.

Outside of Gary Payton and budding player Reuben Patterson, The Rock sees nothing in Seattle, but a bunch of gibronnies. Vinn Baker is always whining about something, "Why are they always shoving me in the paint. Don't they know I'll be a free agent after next season?" Oh Detlef Schrempf, where have you gone? The Rock will answer that one... PORTLAND!

The Sacramento Kings will have to learn how to play both sides of the court to make a believer out of The Rock. That means they will have to play defense and the Rock does not see that happening. Jayson Williams and his wrap-around, behind-the-back, etc., etc. passes... they are almost as nice to look at as The Rock, but they do not bring home titles.

Golden State fired a coach, and the results are the same. Well, that will happen, when you only have two players with some heart on the team. Wait! The Rock just remembered that the Warriors traded away Jon Starks. Antwan Jamison... you are on your own.

The Rock is serious when he says he needs to know what the plan is for the Los Angeles Clippers. What is your intention L.A. Clipper front-office? You never make the playoffs, and you never have an All-Star. Well at least they definitely have an understanding of their roles. On to the Midwest Division.

The San Antonio Spurs are in first place right at the moment. However long Tim Duncan's abdominal strain injury lasts is how long the Utah Jazz and Minnesota Timberwolves have to make up ground. The Spurs will wish that they would have made a play for Pippen because the hole at small forward is glaring, and that's where the other contenders in the West have weapons.

The Utah Jazz... The Rock can't do it. He's tired of Utah and its tired team.

The Rock can sum up the Minnesota Timberwolves in two words, Kevin Garnett. Terrell Brandon is supposed to

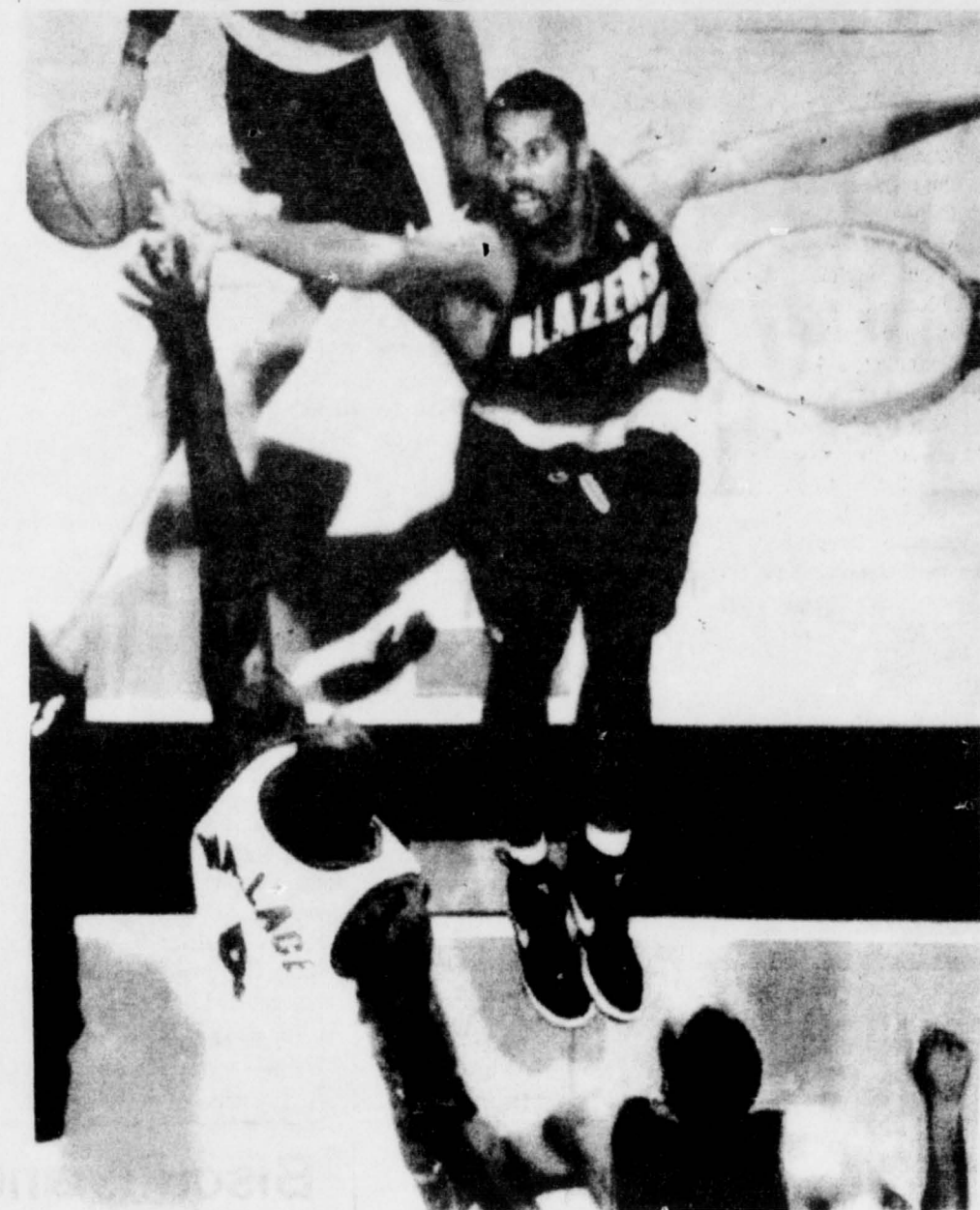


Photo courtesy of AP

Rasheed Wallace and the Portland Trailblazers are The Rocks pick to win it all in June.

be back sometime this season which will give the talented Garnett the help he needs. Until then the 'Wolves will remain visitors to the playoff ball.

Denver made a trade to get Ron Mercer and now they have some excitement in the mountains. Even if they don't have seats with booties in them. If the Nuggets stay patient, The Rock believes that they will be a threat in two seasons.

For the love of gravy, The Rock cannot understand what the Dallas Maverick brass were thinking when they made the play for Disruptive Rodman. It makes The Rock show The People's Eyebrow. At they time they were on a seven game winning streak. Dennis Rodman needs someone to tell him

his role... a cross-dressing gibronni! If The Rock was part of the Dallas front-office, he would have told Rodman to take his availability, shine it up real nice, and stick it up his roootie poo, 'kandy... you know the rest of what The Rock was gonna say!

When The Rock thinks of the Houston Rockets, he thinks team in transition. The Rockets are putting together a solid young nucleus headed by rookie sensation, Steve Francis, and second year player Cutino Mobely. But it will be awhile before the Rockets return to the fun times of the mid-1990's.

As for the Vancouver Grizzlies, they are still waiting

for Small Township Bryant Reeves to justify being the number two pick that he was. They do not have a home court advantage, because their fans are probably cheering for the visiting team. Between the Arizona two-some of Mike Bibby and Michael Dickerson, the Grizzlies have a solid backcourt to start with.

That's it for The Rock's time in Mansfield, PA for a while. Mansfield won't see The Rock again until it gets something else open besides Dunkin' Donuts. Until then, which will probably be eons from now... DO YOU SMELLLLLLLLLLLLL, what The Rock is cookin'??!

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team to within three points at the break.

The Lady Huskies came back from the break scoring the first nine points to take the lead, 39-33. The Lady Mountaineers did not roll over and play dead; instead they quickly rallied and tied the game at 39. As the time on the clock trickled down, the Lady Mountaineers were forced to foul. This left Bloomsburg making their

last seven free throws to walk away with the victory.

Jennifer Nichols lead the scoring for the Mountaineers with 16 points, drilling four of her seven three-point shots, while her sister Heather, had the team-high in rebounds, pulling down nine. Buss added 14 points and five assists. Mosley finished with 13 points, nine of those points coming from three-point range, and Brandy Lingenfelter (Altoona/

Altoona) pulled seven boards down and took control underneath, blocking five shots.

Bloomsburg had commanding play from Megan LaBuda, as she scored the game-high of 17 points and April Longo strolled out of Decker with 15 points and a game-high of 14 rebounds.

Join the Flashlight.

Meetings are Thursday 4 p.m.

Make a difference

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Cipolla placed seventh in the 200-yard backstroke in 2:11.07 with teammate Jacome close on her heels with an eight-place finish in 2:12.53. Jen Markert (Royersford/Spring Ford) finished tenth in the 200-butterfly in 2:15.88 and Ragukonis took twelfth in the 100-yard freestyle in the 55.80.

The Division II NCAA Championships will be held March 9-12 in Buffalo.

NHL teams look to solidify post-season position

By Darren A. DeVoue
Sports Editor

Winter is preparing to break, which means the National Hockey League regular season is almost at its stretch run. Teams are jostling one another on the ice in order to improve playoff position. Below, the teams are listed in order of playoff seedings, if the playoffs started today.

Eastern Conference:

The New Jersey Devils are the class of the conference. They went 1-1-1 over the past week to add three points to make their division leading total 83. The one win was a 4-2 decision over Atlantic Division rival, Philadelphia, in which goalie Martin Brodeur scored an open-net goal.

The Florida Panthers lost two points on their Southeast Division lead, going 1-1 this past week. If the playoffs started today, the Panthers would go against the Pittsburgh Penguins, with the Panthers enjoying the home ice advantage. Oh my, how much fun would that be watching Pavel Bure and the Penguins' Jaromir Jagr taking turns lighting up the nets. The Panthers probably have the best chance of taking out Jersey this year. That is, unless Jersey falls victim to an upset again this year.

Having a winless

week always seem to put a team's division lead in jeopardy, and that is the position that the Toronto Maple Leafs find themselves in. Goalie Curtis Joseph is struggling and so is his team. In a 5-2 loss to Carolina, Joseph let the puck slip past him five times. The Leafs have lost four in a row. So now, not only is Ottawa breathing down their back, but Toronto is also losing ground on New Jersey for the NHL's best record, and home-ice throughout the playoffs.

Despite the loss to the Devils the Philadelphia Flyers gained ground on their nemesis this week going 2-1-1. Coach Roger Neilson will be out of contact with his players until April due to upcoming chemotherapy. The treatment is a result of his being diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a form of bone marrow cancer. Now everyone will see the leadership ability of Eric Lindros.

The Washington Capitals inched closer to Florida in the Southeast Division standings. One of their two victories this week was a 2-1 home win over Colorado. Now as luck would have it, this week Washington goes head to head with Florida in a key matchup. Goalie Olaf Kolzig goals against average is 1.84 from the month of February.

As the Notorious Terrell would say, "Watch out now!" Here come the Ottawa Senators. The Senators have avoided being distracted by the monetary battle with despondent forward Alexi Yashin. Not to mention that their success has translated into higher season ticket sales, which will assist in keeping the team in Ottawa.

The Penguins are hoping that some rest will do franchise player, Jagr, some good. He's out indefinitely with a hamstring injury. On top of that, veteran goalie, Tom Barrasso out on family leave. However,

Barrasso's replacement, Jean-Sebastian Aubin has a better goals against average and save percentage than his overstudy.

The New York Rangers are sliding badly. An 0-3 week, in which the Rangers generously gave points to Philadelphia and Washington, has them on the playoff edge. If they should fall off, Buffalo will be more than happy to assume their spot.

Western Conference:

Everything is beginning to point towards the St. Louis Blues as the power in the West. They have added two points onto their Central Division leading total. The Blues only have four losses since the first day of this year. The 119 goals that the Blues have allowed this season, represents the lowest total in the NHL. They can score as well. The 179 goals belonging to the Blues is the third highest total in the Western Conference.

The defending Stanley Cup champion Dallas Stars went 2-1 this week, but the one loss was in their division; against second place Phoenix. The Stars are starting to gear their focus towards defense for another run at the Cup. They had a near flawless performance against Northwest Division leading Colorado.

As things stand as of press time, the Avalanche are the third seed in the West. They are there despite a week in which they went 1-2-1. The Avalanche find themselves in a three-way battle with first place with Edmonton and Calgary. The team that finishes last out of that three will possibly find themselves fighting for their playoff existence. Five points separate the three teams.

The Detroit Red Wings have tons of experience and firepower left over from their two Stanley Cup teams. The Wings are having problems in goal. Detroit went from one point behind St. Louis to three. If the defense does not come around Detroit could get bounced. If the playoffs started today, they would face a game Phoenix squad.

Speaking of the Coyotes, they went 2-0 this

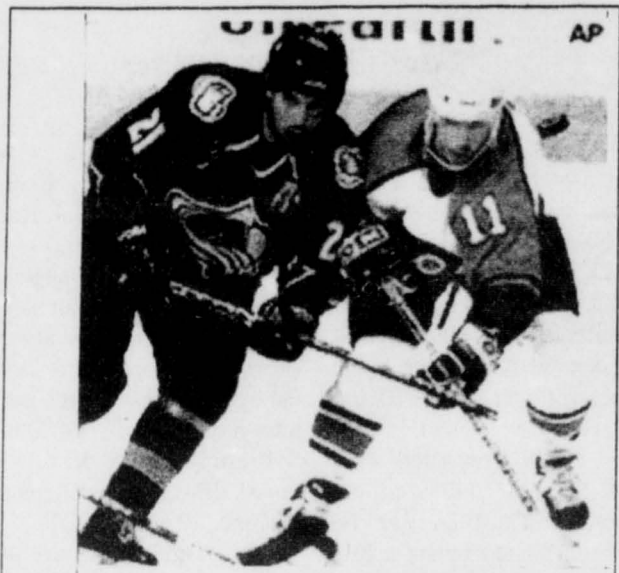


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Mark Recchi and the Flyers will go the majority of the remaining regular season without coach, Roger Neilson.

week to stay with Dallas in a division title war that will go down to the final week of the season. The loser of this war will find themselves most likely in the fourth spot in the West. That would mean Detroit as a first round opponent instead of Edmonton.

The Los Angeles Kings fought their way up to the sixth spot in the West this week with a 3-1 run. That's good because they are in position to avoid first-round matchups with either St. Louis or Dallas.

Edmonton is probably kicking themselves. While Colorado was giving them an opportunity to take over first in the Northwest, the

Oilers went 0-2 with a home loss to Calgary adding insult to it all. It really is critical because they are sitting in the seventh spot right now and would have to face Dallas. That means to win the Northwest is a three spot swing in the seedings.

The San Jose Sharks are pretty solid in the eighth spot at the moment, but a tough upcoming schedule will test their mettle. If that doesn't finish the Sharks off, the Blues will.

April is right around the corner and it will be interesting to see how things divulge themselves in the West, where it is very competitive. Any of the top five seeds in the West would have a solid chance of emerging to the Stanley Cup Finals. In the East, it will be a Devil of a time.



Vincent Laforet/Allsport

Teemu Selanne and the Anaheim Ducks miss Paul Kariya and will likely miss the playoffs.

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Hanover, Germany. The match only took 46 minutes. Williams became the eighth different winner in eight women's tournaments this season. She was this tournaments number one seed, and is fourth in the World... The NCAA Rules Committee issued two rules geared towards

assisting defenses. The first expanded the definition of an illegal block. Any high-low (or vice versa) combination block by two offensive players beyond the neutral zone will be illegal. The second rule will prevent an offense, making substitutions, from rushing quickly to the line of scrimmage to snap the ball... Promoters of the Black Coaches

Association Football Classic announced that Georgia Tech will face Virginia Tech on August 27 at Lane Stadium in Blacksburg, VA. The game will be broadcast on ESPN2 with an 8 p.m. kickoff. Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver, Andre Rison, was arrested on charges of felony theft. Rison allegedly stole music equipment. He was released on \$2,000 bail.

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University updates voice mail system

By BERNADETTE CRUMB

Flashlight Writer

Mansfield University Telecommunications department inaugurated a new voice mail system Feb. 21 on campus.

The process to replace the old system, nicknamed "Molly," began over three years ago, said Assistant Director for Client Support Information Technology William Phillips. "In June of 1999, we made a replacement for the voice mail system a priority, as the old system was not Y2K compliant," Phillips said.

In order to keep the "Molly" system operating during

the transition to the AVT voice mail, the Telecommunications Department reset the system over the Thanksgiving Holiday to the year 1993, a year with the same dates as 1999. This fooled the voice mail program into remaining operative in 2000 and allowed the system to operate until Feb. 28. "This would have been the end, as 1994 was not a leap year, and we wouldn't have had a February 29. So we actually had a week to spare," said Phillips.

Training sessions on how to operate the new voice mail were presented by an ATV representative in 28 one-hour classes

held between Feb. 14-21. Lecture attendees were informed of how to use the variety of features, although some people expressed disappointment the training was not "hands-on." However, Phillips said, "The number of people I've heard are using the new features, plus the lack of any real flood of trouble calls suggest we were successful in our training efforts."

The AVT system can be personalized in the way the system behaves and how it can present messages to the caller. The sound quality of the calls is vastly improved over "Molly" and an automated directory can be found by dialing into the campus main number, 662-4000 and

pressing 2 twice. This directory allows the caller to find departments, faculty and staff by keying in the first few characters of a name. If the voice mail system is asked to transfer a caller to a busy extension, the call is automatically sent to the user's prerecorded busy greeting, instead of reporting "That extension is busy."

Because the system has more recording capacity than "Molly," caller's messages on the AVT are no longer limited to two and a half minutes duration. "We still erase any messages more than 30 days old, which naturally limits the size of voice mail boxes to

some extent," Phillips said. The new feature choices make the AVT more difficult to use than the old system. "We had used it for so long that pushing buttons became second nature, and now, for a little while at least, people will have to think about it," Phillips said.

"I think it also takes some time to shake out just what is important as far as the new features of the system. Most people will simply use it as they used the old system - for taking messages while they're out of the office, and that, while different, is easy to get used to."

Graduation is May 6

By LES WILLIAMS

Flashlight Writer

Attention prospective graduates. It is getting closer. Your stay at Mansfield University is just a couple of months away from termination. Here are a few things you need to do so that there will be no problems, and your parents will feel a lot better knowing they are out of the way.

First of all, potential graduates should verify graduation eligibility, you certainly want to know that you are indeed eligible to graduate. Also, potential graduates and Master's candidates should get in contact with the student records office as soon as possible. For those of you who do not know, it is located in room 112 in South Hall.

Secondly, a Josten's sales representa-

tive will be at the campus bookstore on March 29, 30. Students can order personalized announcements, and more importantly, for your parents, caps and gowns will also be available on these days.

The due date for orders from Master's candidates and faculty must be received **no later than March 24.**

Finally, for those of you who are a little in the dark about times, places and dates, here is the information. Spring Commencement will take place 11 a.m., Saturday, May 6.

The activities will be hosted in Karl Van Norman field, however if the weather is inclement, the festivities will be moved into Decker Gymnasium. For more information, call x4804.

Construction Update

Laurel will get snackbar

By REBACCA J. SEAMANS

Flashlight Writer

Laurel Manor is another residence hall that is in line for some remodeling. The primary focus of the improvements deal with the lobby and much of the rest of the first floor.

There are many reasons why Laurel needs to be renovated. Michael Lemasters, the director of residence life, commented on why the changes must occur by saying, "We needed to make these areas handicap accessible, to improve security, and to create a more functional kitchen and snack shop."

Yes, a snack shop in Laurel Manor. Replacing what is currently a storage area across from the bathrooms on the first floor, this cafe-style area will function as a more comfortable area for residents and anyone else to sit and just relax. With a new kitchen replacing what the Laurel residents know as "Jack's Office" (the maintenance room), it might also serve as a nice dining area when a resident "just feels like cooking." There will be a gas fireplace and a window allowing visitors to look out into the lobby.

There will also be a handicap ramp installed in and around the current kitchen allowing easy access to the "A-side" elevator. The much anticipated men's shower will be installed where the existing bathrooms were. With the women's bathroom being moved down toward the laundry room. "Jack's Office" will also be moved closer to the laundry room.

With the new Student Union, Lemasters hopes to "put the 'A' and 'B' lounges back into the hands of the residents because most meetings will be held in the multi-purpose rooms of the Student Union." The snack shop is also another way that Lemasters is "trying to encourage students to congregate together."

The construction on the lobby and surrounding areas is expected to start in mid-July and to be completed around Thanksgiving. Before those dates are finalized, Lemasters said, "The dates have to be discussed with the Laurel Hall Council and the Laurel staff and see what a disruption it will cause. It might need to be put-off until the building is empty."

On a side note, "A-side" residents might also ask when the elevator will be renovated because it was out of commission for two out of the past three weekends. There are plans to take a look at the condition of the elevator's parts this summer immediately after the end of the semester when the building is not in use and the elevator can be shut down.

Dan Edling wins raffle for 19" color television



JENNA RAWA/Flashlight

Dan Edling receiving congratulations from Carmen Bianco for his new television.

By BOB MANGANELLO

Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University Student Success Survey, conducted by Dr. Denny Murray and Carmen Bianco, is a survey designed to profile student changes, activities, attitudes, and experiences of successful students. The main issue about the survey revolves around the use of Drugs and Alcohol for university students.

According to Murray about 180 students responded to the survey. And all students that are still present, since the Freshman class of 1996, received the same exact survey recently for completion. "The study will help us determine the success and

if the attitudes of the students have changed in relation to Drugs and Alcohol since the arrival of the 1996-1997 freshman class," said Murray.

The results of the survey will be present around the middle of April. All students that returned the the recent survey were eligible to win a 19" color TV. The drawing was held Monday and Dan Edling was the lucky winner. According to Murray additional surveys will be conducted in the future with regard to success of the current one.

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'eighth blackbird' group coming to M.U.'s Steadman

By DEBORAH WIDMEIER
Flashlight Writer

eighth black bird will soar into Mansfield's Steadman Theater at 8 p.m., March 15. The performance is being sponsored by the Mansfield Fine Arts committee. The ensemble has been recognized by the Los Angeles Times and have been called the highlight of the concert season. They have six talented members that play instruments ranging from the piano to the viola. *eighth black bird* got their name from the poem written by Wallace Stevens, "Thirteen ways of looking at a black bird".

The group was the first contemporary ensemble ever to win the Concert

Artists Guild Competition. They have also won the Channel Classics Recording Prize and the Rockport Chamber Music Festival Prize, among others.

eighth blackbird members are of Molly Alicia Barth, Michael Maccaferri, Matthew Albert, Nicholas Photinos, Matthew Duvall and Lisa Kaplan.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5 and the event is free to MU students. For more information call 662-4444, or visit the Fine Arts section on the Mansfield University website.

Last week's fires still under investigation

By DANIEL AMIDON
Flashlight Writer

The dorm fires of last week have been determined to both be caused by something being thrown into the trash cans that ignited the surrounding items. However, Michael Lemasters, Dean of Residence Life, said he assures that the fires are "not related in any way, shape, or form." There also is "no evidence of intentionally" in either case.

Terry Day of Mansfield University public relations also noted that "the incidents are still under investigation."

Canadian author reads his works

By KAREN HOLGATE
Flashlight Writer

The audience is hushed as the distinguished man with salt and pepper hair begins his tale. His gentle tone smoothly conveys emotions. It is a soft Asian voice with a hint of a Canadian accent. The people gathered for the reading are spellbound.

This was the scene Monday night when a vast group of people came to hear acclaimed author Wayson Choy. Choy began the evening by telling how he had been inspired to write at the age of fifteen by the book of a young French girl. Or perhaps it was the expensive jaguar she posed with.

He went on to speak about growing up in Vancouver's Chinatown. He told how he was referred to as a "banana", a person who is yellow outside but white on the inside. He said every culture had its own variation of this. They are "oreos" for blacks and "coconuts" in Hawaii. He also spoke of a friend who grew up in China as a mission-

ary and was called "egg" when he returned to England. He was white on the outside and yellow inside. He thought this was justice.

Choy went on to talk about the importance of signs. He told how at first he tried to ignore them but when he started to follow them his life changed. His award winning short story *The Jade Peony* came to him through several signs. It was originally an assignment for a creative writing class. The teacher had them take tiny slips of paper with a color written on them. They were to incorporate that color in a story. Choy pulled "pink" and was not thrilled. Later he was with family and they were discussing how jade comes in different colors and there was a very rare jade that was a delicate pink. Was then in the garden and saw a peony and was reminded of his grandmother. From these signs came the enthralling story of a young boy and his grandmother, the bond they shared, and the day she died.

Wayson next read

from his new novel *Paper Shadow* which is about his parents life and his own childhood in Vancouver. The story was sweet and funny. He writes with such humor and grace that it is easy to identify with the characters. They come to life and it is as though you aren't even reading the book, but living it. He takes you away to a time and place you couldn't possibly know and makes you see it as a native would. Unfortunately, the book doesn't come out in America till this Fall.

The evening ended with the author encouraging the audience to go out and write their stories. He expressed the importance of sharing your history with others. He said "if all you leave behind are material goods, then you haven't left yourself."

He followed the reading with a workshop the next day where he inspired many young writers. He encouraged them to be like a butterfly. To come out of their cocoons, spread their wings.

Easter food drive kicks off

An Easter food drive will be held from Wednesday, March 1 until Friday, April 14. Residents and staff at The Laurels are collecting nonperishable food, cleaning supplies and paper products to benefit the Wellsboro Food Pantry.

All Laurel Health System employees are invited to contribute to the Easter Food

Drive. Nonperishable food, cleaning supplies and paper products should be dropped off at The Laurels between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. A collection box is located in the vestibule.

For more information, call Nora Gridley or Marquene Kane at (570) 723-6860.

Baby talk begins this evening

Meredith F. Small, professor of anthropology at Cornell, will present "The Natural History of Babies" at 7 p.m., Wednesday, in Manser North Dining Hall.

Although trained as a primate behaviorist, spending several years studying macaque monkeys in captivity and the wild, Small has turned her attention to how the intersection of biology

and culture influence human behavior. She has authored several books including "Our Babies, Ourselves" and "How biology and culture shape the way we parent."

Small's presentation is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Psychology, Anthropology and Biology Clubs.

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Funny results from the *Forum*

MU Theater Department performs another successful production this past weekend

By CARL D. MADONNA
Flashlight News Editor

The Mansfield University Theater Department presented "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" this past weekend in Straughn Auditorium.

The cast of the play was under the direction of Micheal Crum while Dr. Youngsuk Kim of the music department directed the orchestra.

The cast consisted of Joe Tamanini as Senex, Shannon M. Niver as Domina, Paul Hahn as Hero, Marie York as Philia, Nathan Miller as Pseudelous, Timothy Mulroy as Hysterium, Adam Edward Synder as Miles Gloriosus, Scott Shade as Marcus Lycus and Dick Feil as Erronius. The

Courtesans, the crux of the show, included Lauren Pampinella as Tintinabula, Melissa Ung as Panacea, Theresa M. Reynolds as Vibrata, Natalie Amisano as Gymnasia and Emily J. Beakley and Lori Ann Gazella as the Geminiae. The Proteans were JonMichael Brennan, Andrew D. Brown and Brandi A. Duso.

"This play kept me in stitches, the music, the singing and the acting were excellent," said Cathy Hilscher. This slapstick comedy kept the audience roaring with laughter from the moment the curtain opened until it finally closed.

The plot of the play determined that Pseudelous would fight and plead for his freedom regardless of any-

thing. Pseudelous was a slave that simply wanted to be free. Say it again, *Freeeee*. Sorry, that was a catchy tune. And what better way to find freedom then by going to the son of a rich man. Hero, Senex's son, just happens to be very wealthy and very horny.

Hero has fixed his sites on Philia of the house of Marcus Lycus. Lycus' home is also the home of the courtesans. But this virgin, Philia, has already been sold to Miles Glorious, the Great Warrior. Pseudelous' quest is now clearly evident. He must devise a scheme to trick Mr. Gloriousus, Senex, Philia and basically the whole town.

"I was surprised at how well the voices and



CARL D. MADONNA/Flashlight

Lauren Pimpinella dances to try and steal the heart of Nathan Miller. Lauren was one of six courtesans to serve the Forum this past weekend.

Hut Happenings

By AMBER LINDQUIST
Flashlight Writer

There once was a time when programs were scheduled every night of the week to perform in the Zanzibar. Many of these events required door checks where individuals were carded to be sure that only Mansfield students or guests thereof were in attendance. This was to ensure that only MU students were enjoying what their student activity fees were sponsoring.

This week is spring break, and therefore there will not be any events at the Hut so have a great vacation!

knowledge of the music that the cast had," JaNell Natson said, "everything sounded and looked great." And she was absolutely correct. Musicals are not exactly this reporters favorite type of show, but this musical juxtaposed all previous notions. The music was crisp, the acting was excellent and everything else just seemed to fall into place.

Pseudelous' plan

had to be re-thought a few times, but in the end, all went well. Hero got the girl, Pseudelous got his freedom, Miles almost got a taste of incest and the audience left chuckling.

One downside to the production was stage time for the courtesans, we needed more of it. Beside that, this past weekend proved to be a success for the Theater Department.

Student Success Seminars



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Presenter: Frank Kollar, Director of Career Development and Placement Services

New York police officers found not guilty

41 shots were fired, 19 struck and killed the West African man

By DANIEL AMIDON
Flashlight Writer

A verdict has been reached in the trial of four white New York City police officers who shot and killed an unarmed West African immigrant in the Soundview area of The Bronx, New York City. After only 20 hours of deliberation the jury found all four defendants not guilty to charges ranging from second degree murder to improper police action.

The officers freed

were Sean Carroll, Edward McMellon, Kenneth Boss, and Richard Murphy.

The officers were wearing plainclothes and approached Diallo, whom they believed to be a rape suspect. When they asked him to identify himself, Diallo moved backwards into his apartment building's vestibule. He then reached into his back pocket pulling out his wallet. Officer Carroll yelled "gun", mistaking Diallo's wallet for a gun, and the officers opened fire killing Diallo. A total of 41

shots were fired with 19 bullets striking Diallo.

The shooting sparked widespread protests in the Bronx and the trial had to be relocated to Albany, New York to find an impartial jury. This jury consisted of seven white men, four black women, and one white woman. The defense hired Ray Kelley, an attorney from Albany, to assist their team with local experience.

After losing the case, prosecutor Robert Johnson, Bronx District Attorney for 11 years, re-

marked that moving the case out of Bronx County was "terribly wrong." He also added that there was a "significant effort put into the prosecution" and that there were "Six attorneys working full time on this case for one year."

There now remains the chance for U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White to pursue civil rights charges against the officers depending on her review of the case. A decision will also be made by Police Commissioner Howard

Safir as to when the officers will be put back on active duty and what kind of sanctions they will face. There is a possibility for dismissal. Currently all four men are on desk jobs without their badges or their guns.

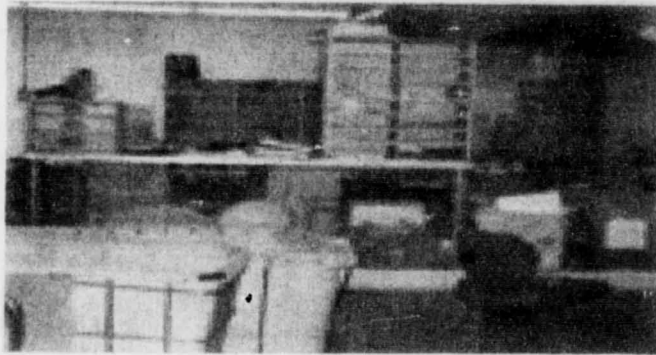
This verdict has raised protests both in New York and nationally. Manhattan had the largest gathering last weekend in which demonstrators held their wallets up in front of police officers and chanted the numbers one through 41 over and over. Other sites of protest include Minneapolis and Baltimore.

The mail stops here: Inside MU's mailroom

By MARIA VALENZANO
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University mail room is very busy this week with the bulk mailing of the baseball and music camp information. But it is not surprising to find out that the majority of students here have never heard about it. The mail room is located in the bottom of Grant Science Center, under the planetarium. It is headed by Edgard Domench, better known as "Gardy," and Colleen Devine.

Every day the workers in the mail room go to the downtown post office in Mansfield and pick up the bulk of the mail that is shipped to the university. This includes letters and care-packages. After the mail is picked up it is sorted and then delivered. Mail is



JENNA RAWA/Flashlight

Another busy day at the Mansfield University mail room.

collected each and every week-day from all of the departments and buildings right here on campus. The mail room sorts, delivers, and picks up the mail here at the University. But that is not all that they do.

People need to know that the mail room personnel just don't hop in

their van and deliver mail. There is a tremendous amount of bulk mailing that goes on at the university, this creates a lot of work for the mail room. Not to mention the stamping of all the letters that the university mail out. Each department has a code which needs to be typed into the machine before the let-

ters can be mailed.

There are currently five student workers in the mail room. "I want to make them feel welcome and comfortable," Gardy said. The student workers can be found with either Gardy or Colleen delivering mail, sorting it, picking it up and helping out in the mail room. Domench and Devine both agreed that the best part of their jobs is meeting the faculty and working and meeting the students.

Devine has been working in the campus mail room for over six-years and Devine began working in the fall of 1998. When not at work Domench enjoys listening to Spanish music,

cleaning his car, watching movies, and spending time with his "Baby," Marie. When Devine is not at work she is busy working on her farm with her husband Jody, and her two children Joseph and Kaitlin. When extra time is found, Devine can be found horse-back riding.

The campus mail room sells stamps between the hours of one and three weekdays. But if you are in the building and need a stamp just knock on the door and if anyone is in there they will answer and help you out. So next time you need to mail out a letter or a package instead of walking down town next time stop by the mail room in Grant Science Center. The people in there will be very happy to serve you.

Check out the Flashlight on-line
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Blood drive a success

154 students donate to meet goal

By JESSICA SHERIDAN
Flashlight Writer

Were you one of the 154 people that lined up to give blood at the Bloodmobile last Wednesday in Manser's North Dining Hall? If so, you helped to save four lives with every one unit of blood you donated.

According to Jacklyn Wilson, the blood services coordinator for the American Red Cross, "The event went grand! We were all very belated with the number of turnouts, and for the most part, things ran smoothly."

The goal for the blood drive was 145 units of blood, and with 154 turnouts, even though

not all were used, "I feel the goal was met," said Tom Johnson of the Student Union. With the help of the IFC, Panhel, SGA, ARHC, AraMark, and the volunteers from campus fraternities and sororities, the day turned into a success. From the candidates, 131 units of blood were collected.

Erin Crowell, a student, and donor here on campus, said that she was "happy with the way things went." She had to wait a little while, but when the time came she was glad she had decided to donate again. Erin has donated blood four times in her life and says she plans on continuing to donate because, "every little bit helps to save lives."

Another statistic that added to the day was the number of first time donors. 29 people showed up for their first time to donate blood. This number is so amazing because when it is time to donate blood again, one is more likely to return if they have already experienced this before.

All in all, last week seemed to be a great success. Johnson added that "there was a good flow of people coming in all day, we had no dry times". Since this day went so well, hopefully next time the Bloodmobile rolls into Mansfield, there will be even more people that dare to face the needle and help save some lives.

Hot jobs for 2000

By LES WILLIAMS
Flashlight Writer

What kind of job are you looking for? Do you want to make a lot of money, and can take not exactly enjoying what you do. Is money that important? What are your interests? Do you like working with the elderly, or do you like television so much that you might pursue a career in behind the scenes work?

Searching through *US News and Report*, one can find a list of "21 'hot-track' jobs for the new millennium." The jobs range from working on the Internet as a Web promotions producer. The degree field is not so important, so long as the applicant has experience in Web design or Internet advertising. One can be a technology recycler, re-using and shipping out computer parts. There are so many jobs available involving computers, if that's where your interest lies, go out and do it.

If serving people really excites you, how can you not find joy in working with the elderly? Exciting jobs for 2000 include being a gerontological counselor, working with senior citizens and their families. Or, if you are good at devising and maintaining a sensible diet, geriatric food designer is a good job for you.

The world of television might be your cup of tea. The world of communications is so diverse that you can basically do anything you want within the field. The hot job for 2000 here is broadband architect. This is another field where use of the computer is imperative. Computer science or electrical engineering plus familiarity with the Web is required to seek this position. The salary earned here starts out fairly low, but it balloons after time in the field. Starting out, one can earn around \$30,000 but, if you master your skills, you can earn as much as \$200,000 a year.

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Letter To The Editor

HBT members clarify article

Editor,

The non-Greek, unfraternal organization known as Eta Beta Tau, or HBT, would like to apologize for some inflammatory statements made in the February 16th issue of *The Flashlight*. We would like to clear up two issues that have caused many students to be upset or confused.

The first main issue revolves around the quotation "Greeks are weak, I'd rather be a freak." After a long discussion among the active brothers, we realized we might have made a mistake. We feel that the statement should have been "Greek is weak, I'd rather be a freak." By using the plural form "Greeks," we realize that it may have been interpreted as an attack on the individual members of the Greek organizations.

HBT is not a hate group, we never meant to attack any individuals on campus. By changing "Greeks" to "Greek," we take the emphasis off the individuals and put it on the structure. We apologize to the Greek individuals who found the statement to be a personal attack beyond the philosophical point it was meant to be. However, two things should be clear: One, every individual is entitled to his or her own opinion. HBT

did not make the statement, a pledge did. And two, HBT does not hide the fact that it was created in order to mock the Greek system. We are proud to take a stance against it. Therefore, the modified statement "Greek is weak" is consistent with our philosophy.

This brings us to our second point. Many people, seeing our philosophy in print for the first time, were confused. Many protested that our philosophy is hypocritical. On one hand, we feel compelled to simply reply: that's the point! Uncountable contradictions follow from the original conception: a fraternity to mock the fraternal system. On the other hand, when you go beneath the surface, we think that it is not hypocritical. What our founding fathers set out to do was to take the current state of fraternities and sororities in their time and leave it behind completely. They saw verbal and physical violence. They saw countless pressures put upon pledges, not the least of which was the pressure to drink. They saw discrimination on the most superficial levels (race, gender, sexual preference and personal style). Worst of all, they saw people's individuality taken away. So they created a fra-

ternity of their own, not to undermine the basic concept of a fraternity, but to undermine the way fraternities and sororities conduct themselves in practice. So if you change the phrase "a fraternity to mock the fraternal system" to "a fraternity to mock your average social fraternities and sororities," it is not hypocritical because it accounts for the fact that somewhere else, there may be truly open-minded fraternities or sororities that celebrate individuality.

We hope that we have shown how any hypocrisy that seems to exist in our philosophy stems from the current state of fraternities and sororities. However, more importantly, we hope that it is now clear that no personal attacks were intended in the February 16th article.

If you have any thoughts on any of these ideas or have questions about HBT, please feel free to e-mail us at HBT_MU@hotmail.com. We would like to think of ourselves as adult enough to consider opposing points of view through discussion. We are not in the business of harassing people just because they have a different point of view, we hope that you would say the same.

Bree Flammini, President of HBT
Andrew Jarvis, Vice President

Commentary

Convenience stores can equal fun times

By KAREN HOLGATE
Flashlight Writer

Spring Break has finally returned to Mansfield. Yep, it's that time again, all you have to worry about is spending cash for your vacation. So, as you're going on a trip you need not worry about slacking cause that's what break is all about.

So, as a change of pace I'll tell you about an awesome find right under your nose. One of the coolest places to find nifty things. Convenience stores. Trust me there are so many fun things you can pick-up there. And these are prizes you can't find anywhere else.

Visit a few as you go on your travels. Fun little stuffed animals that will amaze and amuse you. There were some cute little bears that sing Mambo #5 at the last one I visited. Not too mention all the awesome jewelry you'll find. Warning some of it will turn your skin some lovely shades.

The next place to check out is the mall. Yes, I know you've heard of it. The big building with all the shops. But you are underestimating its power. You must check out all sales and clearance items. See, when it comes to shopping I am even more of an expert than at procrastinating. It's hard to believe but true. See just this last weekend I went to the mall with some friends. I was a little bummed cause I only had thirty bucks. Enter the clearance racks. I was so amazing, if there was a game where you shopped and the person with the most money saved won, I would be the queen! I got the cutest dress that was originally \$90, for a whopping ten dollars. Then I found a fun bag to carry my portfolio in when interviewing. It cost thirty seven I paid nine. Now it was coming down to how much I would have for dinner. I found a fabulous hippy shirt and decided the five dollars was a deal I couldn't miss. I can have soup, it's cheap. Besides sometimes you have to suffer for fashion!

And on to my favorite spot. The Salvation Army. This is a hot bed for bargains. Plus I like jeans that are already broke in. The Salvo is good family fun. I wouldn't miss it for the world. Two thumbs up! Note you really should wash the clothes before you wear them. And don't think "I'll come back for it later" if you do it won't be there. And nothing hurts like buyers remorse.

So, happy shopping, hope the break is relaxing and the bargains are plentiful.

Campus Voices

Each week the feature staff of *The Flashlight* will be hitting the campus and finding out what YOU think.

**What are your upcoming plans
for spring break?**

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Features/Photo Editor



"I might go to Canada, but I am working."
Karrie Paris, sophomore, elementary education/
special education



"Going to Georgia to see my brother."
Mike Plank, sophomore, CJA



"Chillin' at home."
Mike Omitter, sophomore, CJA



"I'm having a birthday party for my brother, my uncle, and my
brother's best friend. Also, I'm going to look for bridesmaid's
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State agencies and legislators' offices in Harrisburg are looking for one outstanding MU undergraduate junior or senior with a GPA of at least 3.0 for a 15 credit internship. Recipient will receive \$5,500 to cover costs of tuition and room and board. Housing is available and commuting is permitted. A wide range of placements are available for students in any major. Contact Dr. Richard Feil, South Hall 405 or x4773 by March 3.

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A support group based on those needing help dealing with their sexuality or those needing help dealing with a friend or family member's sexuality. We try to do fun activities based on others interests when we have enough interest to do so. Conferences/workshops are held dealing with different issues related to these or any topics that involve gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered topics. Meetings are at 3 p.m. on Fridays at the Women's Center in Pinecrest room 101. For more information call Misty @ x5124 or Carolyn @ 662-3983

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Stickers are placed on each ally's door to signify their incorporation with our program. If this sticker is seen on any ally's door, they are openminded to talk to you about anything that might come up, dealing with sexuality. This sticker contains the phrase, "Open Mind, Open Door", along with an open door, signified by a rainbow. Any faculty not already part of this program can contact one of us and participate in our workshop. There is still packets of information from the last workshop if they'd like them. There will be workshops held this semester with speakers. Meetings are at 3 p.m. on Fridays at the Women's Center in Pinecrest room 101. For more information call Misty @ x5124 or Carolyn @ 662-3983

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Pisces ♉ 2/20 - 3/21

Something you've put your heart and soul into shows signs of being a success. But there's one more mountain for you to climb. But, what's the hurry? Rest awhile and enjoy the view before starting out on your next step toward securing your current life objectives.

Aries ♈ 3/22 - 4/20

You get along well with people and your personality helps you make friends easily. This will get you far. Look to meet someone who shares your ideas and sense of style. Be careful not to overspend the odds, though. You've got to save something for a rainy day.

Taurus ♉ 4/21 - 5/21

There is no room in your world for anything routine, despite your longing for familiarity and security. You possess an iron-will of your own so don't just think about the need to get out of a rut but do something concrete to introduce new life patterns.

Gemini ♊ 5/22 - 6/21

A passionate atmosphere lures you away from the norm in search of more unusual excitements. If you have no one to think about but yourself, you've got nothing to lose. But if you have other commitments, your ego and insensitivity could ruin a current relationship.

Cancer ♋ 6/22 - 7/23

Someone is out to impress you but during their bragging about recent accomplishments, they have inadvertently let some important information slip. It's their own fault. If you can use any data that they've divulged to your advantage, then do so. All is fair in love and war.

Leo ♌ 7/24 - 8/23

What do you want most out of a close relationship? Hot sex? Security? Both? Choose the former first to bring your sensuality into play and make that certain someone putty in your hands. Once you've won their heart you can then win their feelings after.

Virgo ♍ 8/24 - 9/23

You are about to see the fruits of your recent labors. It is not going to be easy to convince someone that they can only have the same amount of downfalls equal to the same amount of effort that they have put into it. Stick to your guns. You deserve some of the reward, just as much as they do.

Libra ♎ 9/24 - 10/23

You are being unusually impulsive when it comes to spending money, having sex, or planning travel. A flighty fling or shopping spree may bring instant gratification but if it's long term security you ultimately seek, turn your back on today's temptations. Use restraint, no matter how frustrating.

Scorpio ♏ 10/24 - 11/22

Your recent life makeover shows that you are full of both good and bad ideas. The trouble is, you regret to think anything through before jumping into projects headfirst. Before embarking on a major project once again, think it through first. Don't forget to weigh in the consequences, if any.

Sagittarius ♐ 11/23 - 12/22

Direct your thoughts, energy, and enterprise towards your personal ambitions. You might feel empowered to give in to an inner voice that tells you to get away from the old and welcome in the new. A metamorphosis in your image is long overdue so invest in yourself for the result of success.

Capricorn ♑ 12/23 - 1/20

You are torn between making a quick buy or keeping your cash stashed away safely. Sometimes you are more Scrooge-like than you would like to admit. Dive into those savings and treat yourself to something new. It doesn't have to be huge, just a small present for yourself will do just fine.

Aquarius ♒ 1/21 - 2/19

Today you have a chance to spice up your life! A relationship that has been going nowhere really decides to pick up the pace and get a move on. You have more influence than you realize and only have to say a few words to gain yourself some favors.

Special Olympics of Tioga County

is looking for individuals or groups to volunteer at their Annual Spring Track & Field Event from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Thursday, April 27.

Escorts and groups to run activities at the event are needed.

For more information or to sign up, contact Tanya at 662-3639 or stop by Retan Center 213.

Hobart King Profile

By VALERIE THOMAS
Flashlight Writer

Does learning about earthquakes and other natural disasters interest you? If having a teacher who is interested in teaching and being a friend at the same time appeals to you, read on and maybe Hobart King might appear on your schedule.

King grew up around Union Town, just below Pittsburgh. He attended Laurel Hollands high school. While in high school, Hobart participated in swimming. He continued to swim in college. He held records at California University of Pennsylvania, where he received his Bachelors degree. He then attended West Virginia University where he received his Master's Degree and continued at West Virginia for his PhD.

While working on his Master's degree, he was offered the opportunity to do funded research. While he learned more about his profession, his college education was being paid for, as well as the majority of all his living expenses. He also worked on another funded research project that helped him to receive his PhD. King states, "If you have decent grades and participate in extra-curricular activities you might have a good chance of a free education." At first, King didn't think that teaching was the thing for him. He was shy, and didn't think he was a very good pre-

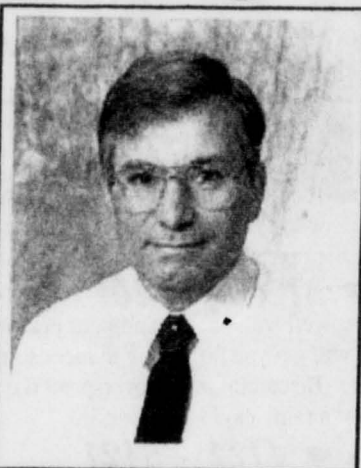


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Hobart King is a geology professor here at Mansfield.

He thought he would end up behind a desk all day. Little did he know he had the ability and the talent to teach students. After graduating from West Virginia University, he got a job at the Geological Survey. He thought that he was going to be one of those laboratory geologists or field geologists, which meant not much presenting was done. But more and more the job title took him out there and encouraged talking to the public, and King thought that maybe this wouldn't be so bad.

By luck, a teaching position at Penn State opened up. It was one class, taught at night, during a semester and he took it and ended up liking it. He continued to teach at Penn State for six years. Another Penn State campus needed a geologist to teach one class a semester so King decided to do that also. At

this time he had a full time job at West Virginia and taught two night classes at different schools in Pa. In the early nineties, he decided that he wanted to teach full time. He had applied to many different schools and finally landed a job here at Mansfield University. A college professor is not a easy job to get, King considers himself blessed.

King is currently married and has one son and one daughter. In King's free time he participates in a race called the triantholon. This race consists of three different events. They include swimming, biking, and running. This race can last up to about eleven hours. The last time he participated was two years ago. Since then he has injured his hand and his foot, and is currently undergoing physical therapy. King hopes to participate in another race soon. King also spent time over the summer putting his Web-based course to work. Over two summers ago, King and a friend set up this course and it was put into action this past summer. He was very happy with how the course turned out. The students who took the course got a great professor. If you haven't heard about him yet, ask anyone in the science department. If you are thinking about geology, think Hobart King.

Going the 'Whole Nine Yards'...nicely

Movie Review
By STEVEN WARNER
The Bradley Scout
(Bradley U.)

(U-WIRE) PEORIA, Ill. -- An unexpected thing happened while I was watching the new comedy "The Whole Nine Yards." I laughed -- a lot. So much, in fact, that I was unable to catch my breath during several scenes. Laughing at a comedy may not seem like such a big deal, but you have to take several things into account when discussing this particular one.

For starters, it stars Matthew Perry. I repeat, Matthew Perry is in this movie. Sure, those of us who have seen the television show "Friends," in which he co-stars as the sarcastic Chandler Bing, know the guy can do comedy. But anyone who has had the unfortunate opportunity to watch one of Perry's cinematic efforts ("Fools Rush In" and "Three to Tango") is well aware that his acerbic sense of humor doesn't translate well to the big screen. If I'm not mistaken, the government recently chose viewing "Tango" as a new method of execution. So I am tremendously surprised that I can report Perry is downright hilarious as Nicholas "Oz" Oseransky, a mild-mannered dentist stuck in a loveless marriage with the French-Canadian beauty Sophie (Rosanna Arquette).

Unable to divorce her because she will take him for everything he is worth, the debt-ridden Oz sucks it up even as his wife screams such pleasantries as "Why don't you do me a favor and die!" Oz's life soon becomes even more complicated when Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski (Bruce Willis) moves in next door. Jimmy is a Chicago-based hitman who has come to Canada to escape a vicious mob boss, Janni (Kevin Pollak). It seems Jimmy rattled out Janni's powerful mob father several months earlier.

Smelling an opportunity for reward money, Sophie promises Oz a divorce if he'll fly to Chicago and alert Janni to the location of the missing Jimmy. There's just one problem: Oz has befriended the charming killer. So for the sake of appearances, Oz travels to Chicago with the intention of merely visiting an old friend. But he doesn't count on Janni and his gargantuan henchman, Frankie Figs (Michael Clarke Duncan), tracking him down in his hotel room. Forced to reveal Jimmy's location, Oz is hurtled on a nonstop roller coaster ride that involves, among other things, \$120 million; a love affair with Jimmy's beautiful wife, Cynthia (Nataasha Henstridge); and one incredible double-cross after another.

To reveal anything more would take away the fun of discovering for yourself just who exactly is conning who. Suffice to say, the incredibly inventive script by first-time screenwriter Mitchell Kapner contains almost as many twists and turns as it does laughs. The result is

a fun little movie that never drags and always entertains.

But credit should be given equally to a talented cast that looks as though it's having a ball. There's no denying these actors exude a certain quality that can only be called joy: joy for the art of good filmmaking and joy for the opportunity just to be in one another's presence. Take, for instance, Perry and Willis, who play beautifully off one another. Willis, a gifted comedian in my opinion ("Hudson Hawk," hello?!), delivers a sly performance that is a hilarious riff on a career marked by one tough film character after another. Perry takes his impeccable "Friends" comic timing and runs with it. For proof, merely watch the scene in which Willis and Perry go on a tour of Montreal. Willis' wicked stoicism matches brilliantly with Perry's patented mix of agitation and slapstick. The result is priceless. Speaking of slapstick, Perry is a natural, as the guy even makes running into a glass window or a lamp seem funny again. That annoying Chandler-esque sarcasm is gone, and Perry excels. Watch your back, Jim Carrey.

As for the rest of the cast, Arquette and Pollak have a whole lot of fun with some very amusing accents (French and Hungarian, respectively), while Duncan sheds the dramatic shackles of "The Green Mile" (he played the big guy, John Coffey) and reveals some rather impressive comedic chops. Even Henstridge, of "Species" fame, manages to have some fun while simultaneously bringing a level of beauty and class unexpected in a comedy like this. And then there's Amanda Peet (TV's "Jack and Jill"), who plays Oz's sassy dental assistant, Jill. What can I say about Peet? This performance is not only a breakthrough, it's a small comedic masterpiece. Just seeing her on screen makes one's face break into a goofy smile. Peet may have been given one of the film's juiciest roles, that of a professional hitwoman whom Jimmy takes under his wing and eventually falls in love with, but the beauty of her performance is that it has nothing to do with character and everything to do with the pure joy of acting.

Of course, the real pleasure lies in trying to decide whether Peet actually is acting. Here is an actress whose every facial expression and gesture look real instead of merely preplanned and overdone. This is an especially remarkable feat when you consider the film itself is as broad a comedy as they come. While most actresses would have gone over the top, Peet goes for natural, and she succeeds beautifully.

Which is why when something as special as "The Whole Nine Yards" comes along, America should embrace it with open arms. I don't use the phrase "thoroughly enjoyable" often, but sometimes, a movie deserves just such a compliment. "The Whole Nine Yards" is that film.

Santana conquers this year's Grammys

By MIKE DUTRA
Daily Trojan
(U.Southern California)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES -- It was all about Carlos Santana at the 42nd annual Grammy Awards, held Wednesday at the Staples Center. The classic rocker swept every category he was nominated for, winning a grand total of nine Grammys, including Record of the Year, Song of the Year, Album of the Year, Best Rock Performance and Best Pop Collaboration at a relatively mellow awards ceremony. He even performed a tight version of his smash single "Smooth" with Rob Thomas of Matchbox 20, including a blazing guitar solo.

Almost every artist had something to say about Santana's reascendancy to popularity. Blues legend B.B. King called Santana "a true believer in every endeavor he does. He puts his heart into anything he does. He's a great man." Everlast, who shared a Grammy with Santana for Best Rock Performance, added that the black-clad rocker's "vibe is great. He's the most gracious and spiritual dude. But I don't think the attention's really affecting him that much." Latin

music vet Tito Puente, another Grammy winner, joked, "I love Santana because he recorded one of my compositions, Oye Como Va, years ago, and now every time he plays it I get a fat royalty check."

Although Santana's revival after being virtually left for dead by the music world during much of the last decade was the main story of the Grammys, it was also interesting to note that the teen pop juggernauts of the Backstreet Boys and Britney Spears were stopped cold. The pair combined to win a grand total of zero golden gramophones, despite performing at the ceremony - usually a sure-fire way to win something. Apparently the Academy members decided to stick with the tried and true as veteran acts such as Sting, Black Sabbath and Whitney Houston picked up Grammys, and newcomers such as Ricky Martin were shut out. In fact, the only recent acts to have any success were Christina Aguilera, named Best New Artist, and Eminem, who won for Best Rap Album and Best Rap Performance.

Aguilera, who beat out Spears, Kid Rock and USC alum Macy Gray for Best New Artist, was surprised at her victory. "I

was expecting it to go to someone who had more singles out," Aguilera said. "I really thought that Macy Gray was going to win." The diminutive teen pop sensation also discussed her future plans, saying, "I want more writing credibility, and I want to take pop a little bit deeper than it is right now. I don't like it being all about image. What I would really love to do is sink my teeth into an Etta James song, maybe A List."

Like Aguilera, some winners were genuinely surprised to be called to the podium. Animator Todd McFarlane, who won the Grammy for Best Short Form Music Video with his imaginative clip for Korn's "Freak on a Leash," commented, "All of us are surprised that we won for Freak on a Leash" because the voters went for something more progressive and looked over the more obvious commercial choices."

Black Sabbath drummer Bill Ward was also surprised to pick up a Grammy for Best Metal Performance.

Flashlight Sports

Men's team ends rough season

By NICOLE CORTESE
Flashlight Writer

The name Tommy Harvey was in flashing lights this past week in PSAC East action, as he posted the game-highs in both battles, and was named PSAC East Men's Basketball Co-player of the Week for February 21, 2000.

The 5-9, senior guard is the all-time leading scorer in school history, with 105 career contests under his belt. He also holds the school record for the three-pointers with 253, career free throws with 427, and has successfully stolen the ball 272 times. He is in the books as second in career assists with 500. He is currently ranked fifth in the PSAC in scoring.

Harvey lead a very talented group of young men out on the court every game, and this past week marked the last. They defeated Kutztown, 76-64, and fell to Millersville, 84-78.

Mansfield took control from the start on

Wednesday evening scoring the first seven points of the game. After only six minutes into the match-up the Mountaineers held a 15-2 advantage.

Alex Goodman and Damar Lopez each tallied five points during the rally, leading the Mountaineers into the half with a 46-28 lead. The Mountaineers opened the second half just like they did the first, bringing their lead up to 20.

As the excitement kept building, Kutztown's momentum started to rise. At the 6:23 mark in the game, Kutztown broke the Mountaineers lead to only five points with a 58-53 score on the clock.

When Kutztown put on the pressure, Mansfield never broke a sweat, drilling 12 free throws to freeze Kutztown dead in their tracks.

Harvey scored a game-high of 25 points Wednesday evening, while hammering six of nine from three-point range. He also recorded eight rebounds and five steals, as well as handing out two assists. Goodman and Lopez each



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Freshman, Lorne Creighton, improved with the progression of the season, giving MU some inside presence.

tacked up 15 points. Goodman lead the game with a high of 12 boards, while handing out four assists and taking three

opportunities away from the hosts with three steals. Lopez dazzled everyone at the free throw line, hitting nine

of a possible 10. He added four assists and grabbed four rebounds.

On Saturday the Mountaineers traveled to Millersville to take on the Marauders in their last appearance of the 1999-2000 season.

The Mountaineers fell short in a second half rally attempt, as they could not overcome an 18-point deficit. The Mountaineers fought back behind Harvey, who once again, scored the game-high with 22 points. He scored 20 of those points in the second half of competition bringing his career total to 1,778.

Demontrick Doddles closed out an outstanding season with 14 points, along with Mike Schrader who contributed 12. Schrader had a great game on defense as he pulled down the game-high of 10 rebounds.

Saturday afternoon marked the end of a long, rocky-road for the 1999-2000 Mountaineers. They finish their season with a 13-13 overall record, while posting a 3-9 record in the PSAC East.

Last call on the season for Lady's team

By NICOLE CORTESE
Flashlight Writer

Winning isn't everything when you have talent that is recognized. Lynelle Mosley, a freshman on the Mansfield University Women's Basketball Team, was named PSAC East Division Women's Basketball Rookie of the Week for February 21, 2000. This is the second time she has obtained the honor, winning it once for the week of December 13, 1999.

The 5-1 guard has participated in all 24 games this season and started in 23. She holds her own, being fourth on the team in scoring and averaging 2.8 rebounds, 2.2 steals, and 1.8 assists a game.

Despite the celebration for Mosley, this past week the Lady Mountaineers lost two PSAC East Conference matches, to drop out of a playoff seat.

A vicious Golden



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Center/forward, Brandy Lingenfelter, aided her team's cause with solid defense and rebounding this season.

Bears team shredded the Lady Mountaineers hope when they ran away with another win. The Lady Mountaineers fell 79-48, on Wednesday evening, as the hosts performed a 26-4 run on the visitors to set the pace of the game. Kutztown closed the half with a commanding lead, 36-17, and opened the second half with more ferocious play.

As the second half opened, the Lady Mountaineers never got within 20 points the rest of the match-up. Kutztown dominated the court once again starting off with a 13-5 run on the Lady Mountaineers.

Mansfield hit 16 of their 29 shots for the day, led by Heather Nichols. Nichols put herself in double figures scoring a team-high 14 points, and pulling down the game-high of 10 boards. Also contributing to the teams cause was Niki Snyder with eight points and three rebounds.

The victorious Golden Bears had three players who scored in double digits. Patti Kline led the attack with 15

points.

After being eliminated on Wednesday evening, the Lady Mountaineers put the pieces back

together for one last performance to end their rocky 1999-2000 season. The Lady

see **WOMEN**, page 10

This week in Mountie Sports

Baseball:

March 2-11
Annual Florida trip @ Fort Myers, FL

Softball:

March 6-19
North Carolina trip
March 23 @ Lock Haven

Indoor Track:

March 3-4
ECAC Meet @ Northeastern U

Swimming:

Mar. 9-12 @ Buffalo
NCAA Div. II Championships

Flashlight Sports Trivia Twister

Category: Pro Hockey

Besides Gretzky and Lemieux, who recorded over 100 assists in a season?

Last week's answer:
The 1990-91 team featuring Hersey Hawkins and Charles Barkley.

The Flashlight needs sports writers. Please help.

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ESPN Men's Top 25

1. Stanford (22-1)
2. Cincinnati (26-2)
3. Arizona (24-4)
4. Duke (22-4)
5. Ohio State (20-5)
6. Michigan State (21-7)
7. Temple (22-4)
8. Florida (22-5)
9. Syracuse (23-3)
10. Tennessee (22-5)
11. Oklahoma State (22-4)
12. Indiana (19-6)
13. Auburn (21-6)
14. Iowa State (24-4)
15. Texas (20-7)
16. LSU (23-4)
17. Tulsa (26-3)
18. Kentucky (20-8)
19. Maryland (21-7)
20. Oklahoma (22-5)
21. St. John's (20-6)
22. Purdue (21-7)
23. Kansas (21-7)
24. Connecticut (19-8)
25. Vanderbilt (17-8)

ESPN Women's Top 25

1. Connecticut (26-1)
2. Georgia (28-2)
3. Tennessee (25-3)
4. Louisiana Tech (23-2)
5. Notre Dame (24-3)
6. Penn State (24-3)
7. Texas Tech (23-3)
8. Duke (23-5)
9. LSU (22-5)
10. UC-Santa Barbara (25-3)
11. (tie) Rutgers (19-6)
11. (tie) NC State (20-7)
13. Iowa State (21-5)
14. Auburn (21-6)
15. Old Dominion (23-4)
16. Virginia (22-7)
17. (tie) Boston College (22-7)
17. (tie) Mississippi State (20-6)
19. Arizona (21-5)
20. Tulane (23-4)
21. Purdue (19-7)
22. UCLA (15-9)
23. Marquette (23-5)
24. Kansas (19-8)
25. Oklahoma (22-6)

National Hockey League Standings

Eastern Conference

| Atlantic | W | L | T | Pts. |
|----------------|----|----|----|------|
| New Jersey | 37 | 19 | 7 | 86 |
| Philadelphia | 33 | 17 | 11 | 78 |
| Pittsburgh | 26 | 29 | 6 | 65 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 26 | 29 | 9 | 64 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 17 | 38 | 7 | 42 |

| Northeast | W | L | T | Pts. |
|-----------|----|----|----|------|
| Toronto | 33 | 22 | 7 | 76 |
| Ottawa | 30 | 22 | 9 | 71 |
| Buffalo | 25 | 29 | 9 | 61 |
| Montreal | 25 | 30 | 7 | 60 |
| Boston | 19 | 26 | 17 | 59 |

| Southeast | W | L | T | Pts. |
|------------|----|----|----|------|
| Florida | 34 | 24 | 4 | 77 |
| Washington | 31 | 21 | 10 | 73 |
| Carolina | 26 | 28 | 9 | 61 |
| Tampa Bay | 15 | 39 | 7 | 43 |
| Atlanta | 12 | 43 | 6 | 34 |

Western Conference

| Central | W | L | T | Pts. |
|-----------|----|----|---|------|
| St. Louis | 40 | 16 | 6 | 86 |
| Detroit | 38 | 20 | 6 | 83 |
| Nashville | 22 | 34 | 6 | 55 |
| Chicago | 22 | 33 | 7 | 53 |

| Northwest | W | L | T | Pts. |
|-----------|----|----|----|------|
| Edmonton | 24 | 25 | 15 | 71 |
| Colorado | 28 | 26 | 10 | 67 |
| Calgary | 26 | 30 | 7 | 64 |
| Vancouver | 20 | 30 | 11 | 57 |

| Pacific | W | L | T | Pts. |
|-------------|----|----|----|------|
| Dallas | 34 | 23 | 6 | 77 |
| Phoenix | 32 | 22 | 7 | 72 |
| Los Angeles | 30 | 25 | 7 | 70 |
| San Jose | 26 | 30 | 8 | 67 |
| Anaheim | 26 | 27 | 10 | 63 |

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Mountaineers traveled to Millersville University, home of the PSAC East Champions.

Unfortunately as they attempted to piece things back together, they were torn apart, as they fell 86-64 Saturday afternoon in PSAC East action. Mansfield held an early lead in the first five minutes of play, making the Marauders nervous with a score of 14-6. They kept a solid advantage throughout

the entire half until the five-minute mark. Five was not their lucky number; for the first five minutes the Lady Mountaineers led, and in the last five they fell to a 16-5 run by the Marauders.

Millersville took control for the rest of the game, with good battle by the Lady Mountaineers' Allyson Buss and Mosley. Buss stole 13 points from the Marauders, while Mosley found her "sweet-

spot" from three-point range, scoring 12 points.

Paula Keller led Millersville with 15 points, followed by three other teammates scoring in double figures.

The Lady Mountaineers boarded the bus to come back to the mountains of Mansfield finishing 5th in the PSAC East with a 4-8 record.

National Basketball Association Standings

Eastern Conference

| Atlantic | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|------|
| Miami | 35 | 20 | .636 | — |
| New York | 34 | 20 | .630 | .5 |
| Philadelphia | 30 | 25 | .545 | 5 |
| Orlando | 25 | 31 | .446 | 10.5 |
| Boston | 23 | 32 | .418 | 12 |
| New Jersey | 22 | 33 | .400 | 13 |
| Washington | 16 | 40 | .286 | 19.5 |

| Central | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|------|
| Indiana | 38 | 17 | .691 | — |
| Charlotte | 30 | 24 | .556 | 7.5 |
| Toronto | 29 | 25 | .537 | 8.5 |
| Detroit | 28 | 27 | .509 | 10 |
| Milwaukee | 28 | 29 | .491 | 11 |
| Atlanta | 22 | 31 | .415 | 15 |
| Cleveland | 22 | 33 | .400 | 16 |
| Chicago | 12 | 42 | .222 | 25.5 |

Western Conference

| Midwest | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|------|
| San Antonio | 36 | 20 | .643 | — |
| Utah | 34 | 20 | .630 | 1 |
| Minnesota | 32 | 23 | .582 | 3.5 |
| Denver | 25 | 30 | .455 | 10.5 |
| Dallas | 23 | 31 | .426 | 12 |
| Houston | 21 | 35 | .375 | 15 |
| Vancouver | 18 | 37 | .327 | 17.5 |

| Pacific | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|------|
| Portland | 45 | 11 | .804 | — |
| L.A. Lakers | 45 | 11 | .804 | — |
| Phoenix | 34 | 21 | .618 | 10.5 |
| Seattle | 34 | 22 | .607 | 11 |
| Sacramento | 31 | 24 | .564 | 13.5 |
| Golden State | 15 | 40 | .273 | 29.5 |
| L.A. Clippers | 12 | 45 | .211 | 33.5 |

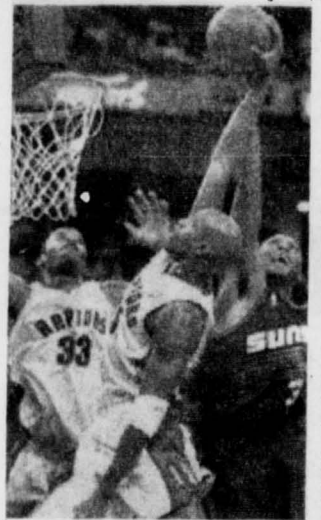


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Half-man, half-amazing, Vince Carter.



Photo courtesy of AP

The Blazers have won 11 straight games.

Biscuits and Gravy

Darren Clarke defeated Tiger Woods to win the Match Play Championship. The competition featured the top 64 golfers in the world. Clarke, who was the number 19 seed, defeated Woods with a par on the 30th hole, that put him up four strokes with six

PSAC Standings

MEN

| Eastern Division | PSAC | Total |
|------------------|------|-------|
| West Chester | 8-2 | 18-5 |
| Cheyney | 7-4 | 15-7 |
| Bloomsburg | 6-4 | 17-7 |
| Millersville | 6-4 | 11-13 |
| East Stroudsburg | 4-7 | 6-17 |
| Kutztown | 3-7 | 10-14 |
| MANSFIELD | 2-8 | 12-12 |

WOMEN

| Eastern Division | PSAC | Total |
|------------------|------|-------|
| Millersville | 9-1 | 19-5 |
| Bloomsburg | 8-2 | 15-8 |
| Kutztown | 7-3 | 19-5 |
| West Chester | 5-5 | 10-13 |
| MANSFIELD | 4-6 | 6-18 |
| East Stroudsburg | 3-8 | 11-14 |
| Cheyney | 0-11 | 2-20 |

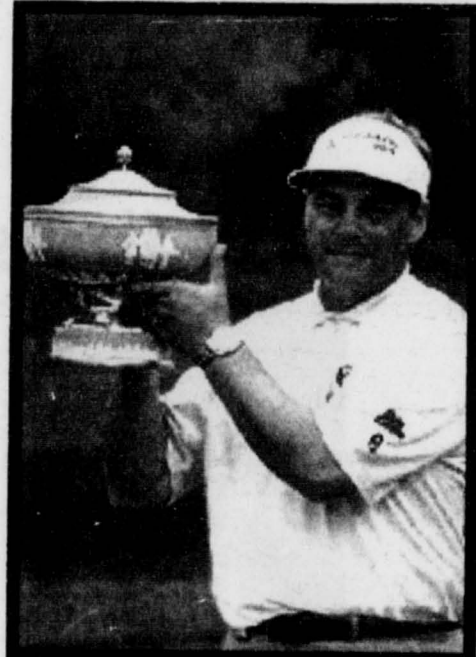


Photo courtesy of AP

Darren Clarke celebrates Sunday's Match Play Championship victory.

holes remaining. Woods was unable to recover. Clarke earned \$1,000,000 with his victory, while Woods received \$500,000... Vince Carter, of the Toronto Raptors scored an NBA season high of 51 points against the Phoenix Suns. Carter made 17 of 32 shots from the field, and was a perfect 13-13 from the charity stripe. The NBA changed the time of the game so NBC could telecast it. That provided Carter his first opportunity to showcase his talents on national television.

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Track sets new records

Special to the Flashlight

Towanda's Kyle Kintner broke the MU indoor pole vault record with a 13-9 effort to finish sixth at the Koehler Indoor Track and Field Classic at East Stroudsburg University Sunday afternoon.

Kintner was with a group of five vaulters who cleared 13-9 but finished sixth on misses. He broke the old mark of 13-7 set by Eric Smith in 1988.

Lamar Crawford (Philadelphia/Dobbs) was with a group of three who finished second in the high jump at 6-5, but was awarded fourth place on misses.

Karen Krouse (New Cumberland/Red Land) placed sixth in the shot put (30-4.5) and weight throw (36-0.75). Her effort in the weight throw broke the old school mark of 26-11 set by Colleen Krysiak in 1999.

Sparky Anderson inducted into baseball Hall of Fame

AP News Wire

Would his Hall of Fame plaque show him wearing a Cincinnati Reds cap or a Detroit Tigers hat?

"It was so hard," he said Tuesday after being elected by the Veterans Committee. "I spent nine years in Cincinnati and 17 in Detroit, and they treated me like a king in both places."

In the end, the only manager to win World Series championships in both leagues chose Cincinnati. He did it to thank former Reds general manager Bob Howsam.

"He hired a 35-year-old nobody knew and he had the courage and fortitude to do that," Anderson said. "Had he not done that, I doubt very much in all honesty that I would have managed in the major leagues. And I owe that to him."

Anderson's election ensures a Red-letter reunion on induction day. Big Red Machine first baseman Tony Perez and longtime Cincinnati broadcaster Marty Brennaman were previously selected.

Along with Anderson, the Vets elected Negro leagues outfielder Turkey Stearnes and 19th century infielder Bid McPhee, who played his entire career in Cincinnati.

But Ted Williams, Stan Musial and the rest of the 14-member panel had a lot more trouble deciding which former big leaguer to

elect - be it Bill Mazeroski, Gil Hodges, Dom DiMaggio, Mel Harder or Tony Oliva.

So for the first time since 1993, it did not choose anyone in that category.

"We hoped someone would be there, we really did," first-time member Hank Aaron said. "It just got too hard. Maybe next year."

Afterward, the chewed-up pens and half-eaten cake in the meeting room told the story. Despite five hours of discussion and two tough ballots, it was a shutout - it took 11 votes for election, and Mazeroski just missed with 10.

"It built my hopes up, but not to the point where this is a big letdown," said Mazeroski, working as an spring training instructor for the Pirates in Bradenton, about an hour south of Tampa.

"There was a lot of push in Pittsburgh and by the Pirates, and I appreciate all that. It just didn't happen," he said.

Anderson, who turned 66 last week, was elected in his first of eligibility. Third on baseball's career victory list, he is the only manager to post 100-win seasons in both leagues.

"I never wore a World Series ring, but I will wear this one every day until I die," he said from his home in Thousand Oaks, Calif. "That, to me, is how much difference there is between the World Series and Hall of Fame."

Anderson will be-

come the 16th manager inducted into the shrine at Cooperstown, N.Y., on July 23. He has been to the upstate New York village, but has never set foot inside the Hall.

"I didn't ever want to go into the most precious place in the world unless I belonged there," he said.

Perez and Boston catcher Carlton Fisk, whose Game 6 home run beat the Reds in the 1975 World Series, were both elected in January by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Anderson was 863-586 with the Reds from 1970-78 and led them to Series titles in 1975-76. He was 1,331-1,248 with the Tigers from 1979-95 and guided them to the 1984 championship.

Anderson, who made two other Series appearances, is the only manager to lead two teams in career wins. He victory total ranks him behind just Connie Mack (3,731) and John McGraw (2,784).

McPhee batted .271 and stole 568 bases from 1882-1899. A second baseman, he resisted wearing a glove until late in his career.

Stearnes hit .359 over 18 seasons in the Negro Leagues. He began his career with the Detroit Stars in 1923 and led or shared the league lead in home runs six times.

The panel, down to 14 because of Buck O'Neil's

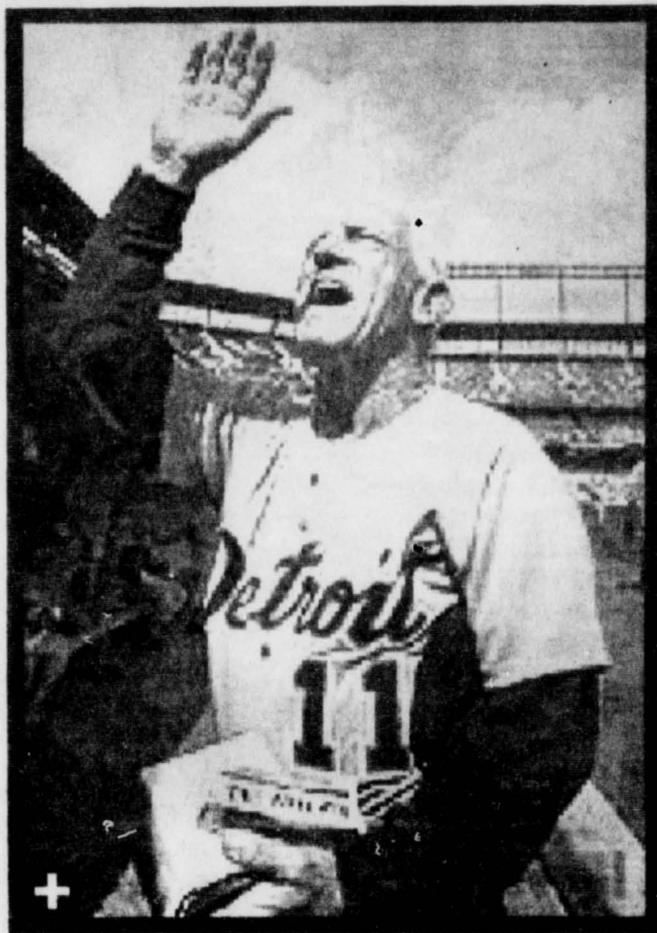


Photo courtesy of AP

Sparky Anderson bids farewell in his final game as manager of the Detroit Tigers.

illness, could not decide on a former major leaguer.

Mazeroski was a seven-time All-Star and won eight Gold Gloves, becoming one of the best fielding second basemen ever. He also hit one of the dramatic home runs in history, a bottom-of-the-ninth shot that lifted the Pirates over the Yankees in Game 7 of the 1960 World Series.

Ted Williams, an influential voice in the meeting room, pushed for

Harder, 223-186 for the Cleveland Indians.

Hodges was backed by an intense letter-writing campaign from fans nationwide. The late Brooklyn first baseman hit 370 home runs and also managed the 1969 Miracle Mets to the World Series title.

"It was very disappointing we didn't pick one," panel member Yogi Berra said. "That's what we come here once a year to do. But we didn't do it."

Biscuits

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Carter became the third player this season to hit the 50 point barrier, joining Allen Iverson of the Philadelphia Sixers, and Phoenix's Clifford Robinson. Toronto won the game 103-102... St. John's ended Duke's 64 game winning streak against unranked opponents. The Red Storm won a 83-82 thriller over Duke and beat Connecticut earlier this week, giving them wins over both of last years national finalists in a week. St. John's is now ranked 24 in the nation... Charlotte Hornets forward Anthony Mason was arrested on a misdemeanor assault charge. The charges stem from a fight that broke out at approximately 4:30 a.m. outside of a bar in Harlem. Mason and four other men became involved in a fight with three others. Mason was released on \$1,000 bail... Oscar De La Hoya scored a seventh-round

knockout over Derrell Coley. De La Hoya knocked Coley out with a body blow, at the 2:49 in the seventh round. It was De La Hoya's first fight since losing to Felix Trinidad in September. De La Hoya plans to fight again against either Trinidad, or Shane Mosely. Trinidad must first get past Philadelphia native, David Reid in a 154 pound bout this Saturday... Monica Seles defeated Nathalie Dechy 6-1, 7-6 (7-3), to win the IGA Superthrill Tennis Classic in Oklahoma City. Seles did not lose a set during the whole tournament. She entered the event as a late replacement for Venus Williams, who withdrew due to a wrist injury. It was Seles' first tour victory since April of last year... In this week's episode of "I Can't Stop Screwing Up", Darryl Strawberry tested positive for cocaine. The violation was Strawberry's third of the Major League Baseball substance abuse policy.

Strawberry received a one-year suspension for his latest binge. Speculation is brewing over whether the 39 year-old Strawberry will ever play again... Former New Orleans Saints coach, Mike Ditka joined CBS' NFL Today broadcast team. Ditka will earn \$450,000 annually. His contract has him with CBS for the next three years... The NCAA decreed that University of Michigan freshman, Jamal Crawford, must sit out seven more games, bringing his total to 13 games. Crawford was suspended for receiving gifts, and submitting his name to the NBA for inclusion in the 1999 draft. The NBA has early-declaration rules for collegiate underclassmen, but non for high school players... The U.S. Davis Cup Team will feature two familiar faces in Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras. The two were selected by team captain, John McEnroe. The U.S. team will resume Davis Cup play when they face the Czech Republic April 7-9 in Los Angeles.



Darryl Strawberry's home page
Darryl Strawberry received a one-year suspension Tuesday.

les... The Saint's running back Ricky Williams, was arrested for refusing to sign a \$200 traffic ticket in Austin, Texas. According to authorities, Williams was pulled over after swerving his 1999 Hummer across three lanes on a downtown street. Williams spent two hours in jail... Marty McSorley was suspended 23 games for slashing Donald Brashear, of the Vancouver Canucks, across his head. Brashear ended up with a concussion, and McSorley has the distinction of enduring the biggest suspension in NHL history for on-ice violence... The top-ranked UCLA women's softball team is preparing to be reprimanded by the university. After being upset by Hofstra in a semi-final game of Hawaii's Paradise Classic, the team dumped its consolation trophy into a dugout trash can. UCLA is the defending national champion is softball... And that will do it until after Spring Break, so put that on a plate, and sop it up.

MU's "Boys of Summer" ready for 2000

By DARREN A. DeVOUE
Sports Editor

Baseball is often referred to as, "a game of placement and execution." In the 2000 season, the Mansfield University baseball team will look toward execution to reassume the program's place, in the elite of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

Last year, the Mountaineers fell one game short of making the conference playoffs behind East rivals Kutztown and Shippensburg, who's baseball program is PSAC East affiliated. This year, the objective is quite simple. "Our goal is to get back to the playoffs and win the PSAC," according to Harry Hillson. Hillson and his charges achieve the former, they will have ended a two-year absence from the playoffs. A position that the baseball program at MU is not accustomed to.

This year, the Mounties goal is plausible. Eight position players return, headlined by a quintet of seniors. Adam Lewis will man the "hot corner" at third base, while Scott Costa and Derrick Nace platoon the catcher position. Nace will also help the MU cause from the designated hitter position. Mike Brown, the team's top returning pitcher will lead a

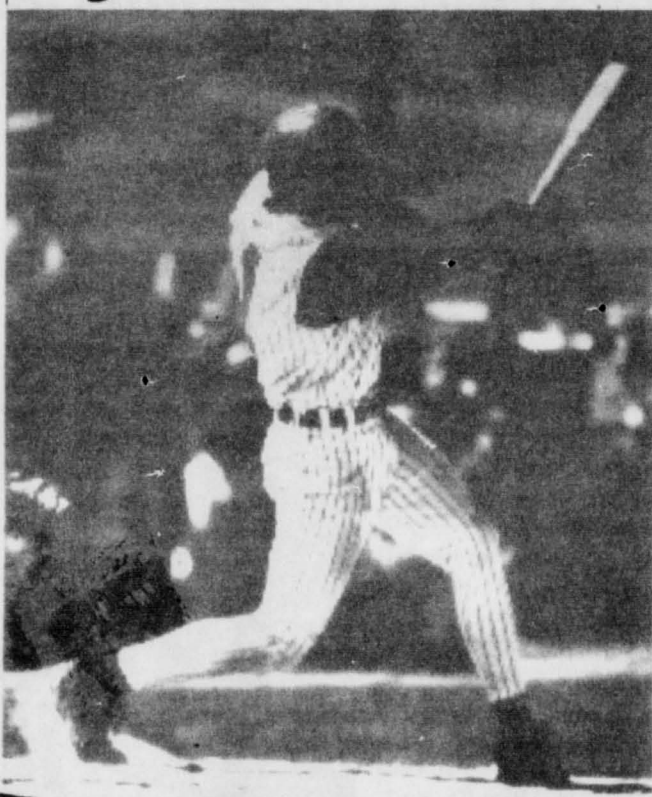


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Corey Goodman, and the Mountaineer baseball team will look to retake their place as a power in the PSAC.

group that looks to replace two All-PSAC selections from last season. One of which was Chris McGee, who led the nation in Earned Run Average (ERA) and strikeouts. The last senior is Chad Swogger, who led the Mountaineers in Runs Batted In (RBI) and homeruns. Swogger ended last season as an All-PSAC, first team,

"Our goal is to get back to the playoffs and win the PSAC."
-Harry Hillson

selection at designated hitter. This season the senior slugger will who is on first base. Brown, Costa, and Swogger will serve as captains this

season. Hillson believes that the seniors will play the major role in the fortunes of the team this season. "Our success is going to be determined by our seniors," Hillson commented. "All five of those guys are key individuals."

A returner of note who is junior R.J. Lee. Lee was the top hitter for MU with a .330 average, on his way to earning All-PSAC second team honors. Lee and the Mountaineers batting average will likely improve this season. Last season, the conference experimented with wooden bats, causing MU to bat .257 as a team. The lowest average that MU has had in Hillson's 14-year command is .324.

MU sports had been losing solid athletes over the past few years to other schools in the state. This year, it was the school on the mountain top's turn. MU stole, uh, repossessed the services of second baseman, Donnie Frank from conference foe, Bloomsburg. Frank is a two-time All-PSAC selection.

The Mounties season has begun this past Saturday with a dominate sweep over Bowie State

14-3, and 9-2. The Mountaineers are truly serious about returning to prominence if their already playing games.

While many MU students will be going on spring break, the baseball team will be embarking on a trip to Florida that will likely set the tone for their season. The Mounties will depart Thursday at the refreshing hour of 4:20 a.m. By 6 p.m. that evening they will be taking the field. "Our Florida trip this year is the toughest we've ever had in terms of the competition level," said Hillson. "But it's great in that it will prepare us for the conference season." MU will play 13 games in an eight-day stretch. One will be against Frank's former team, the Huskies of Bloomsburg. MU will also face Rockhurst and play a doubleheader with Ashland (OH). Those two teams are ranked in the top 15 in the country.

Hillson is confident in his teams ability and chances to reach its aforementioned goal. "If we can pick it up a little bit, with respect to pitching, we should be off to a good year," added the coach. In the 1990's, MU baseball garnered 5 PSAC titles and three trips to the NCAA Division II World Series, to compete for the national championship. Overall, MU has won the PSAC eight times, which is more than any other program in the State Conference.

MU Softball returns with an air of optimism

By DARREN A. DeVOUE
Sports Editor

The Mansfield University Softball team is preparing for a season that could possibly end with a playoff birth. Last season, the ladies concluded play with a 19-19 record last season. They were eligible for the playoffs, but found themselves the odd squad out. This year, the goal is clear for eighth-year coach, Edith Gallagher and her charges; postseason participation mixed in with a conference title. Aside from a long stretch away from home to start the season, the MU softball team has the weapons, and the experience.

Seven position players return led by five seniors, who Gallagher will be counting on to provide leadership, and produce results. "The seniors play a big part in our season," said Gallagher. "If they have good years, we will be fine. If one or two should struggle, someone will have to pick it up." Megan Williams returns as part of an outfield that is expected to make plays in the field, and behind the plate. Kristina Peterson will provide depth at catcher when she does not represent the designated hitter on the MU lineup card. Kelly Morris returns to lead the lady Mountie

pitchers. Last season, Morris broke the school record with 115 strikeouts; a record that she had established the previous season. Morris shut out opposing offenses 3 times, and was the winning pitcher in 10 of the 19 MU victories. Morris ended the season as a second team, Mid Atlantic All-Region Team selection. Catcher Rosie Pagana is something of a Roy Campanella, in how she excels in both of the primary phases of the game. Last season, Pagana led the team with a .414 batting average. Pagana hit nine doubles to go along with a triple and a home run. On defense, Pagana displayed her 12 gauge right arm, by throwing out 14 of 22 base runners. Last season's efforts garnered Pagana first team, Mid Atlantic All-Region Team honors. And finally there is Kim Swarts. Swarts was a terror for opposing offenses last season, and likely will continue to be in her senior campaign. Swarts led the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) in triples with seven, which established a new Mansfield record. She placed fourth in the conference with 33 Runs Batted In (RBI's). Swarts hit .371 at the plate to accompany her five home runs and .707 (that is

correct .707) slugging percentage. Swarts completed her junior season as a second team All-PSAC selection, and a first team, Mid Atlantic All-Region Team selection.

A key addition to the MU lineup will be transfer, Jessica Ricker. She will be counted on to fill the void at third base that graduation created. The sophomore is an import from Temple University.

The schedule this season will present the Lady Mounties a chance to find out the mettle, and resolve, of themselves. They will play their first 18 games away from the sanctuary of Lutes Field. So this elongated road stretch will go a long ways towards determining the lady Mounties fortunes. "We have to come out of there at least .500," said Gallagher. "It will set the tone for our season going into conference play. And that is where every game is important." The good news is that seven MU's last 12 games are



Photo Provided

Rosie Pagana is one of the five seniors that MU's softball program will be looking for in order to reach the postseason, and a conference title.

at home.

The MU softball team is much like the baseball team in that they are both looking to return to the postseason, and are depending on the senior to lead the charge. If they can emerge from the early stretch on the upside in the win column, and the seniors receive help,

MU will not be on the outside looking in at the postseason ball. The seniors, especially, should be hungry. "25 wins should get us in," concluded Gallagher. MU last made the postseason in 1995, which was a year before they arrived at the mountaintop. The last time MU softball was PSAC champs, was 1992.

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Ford visits campus



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Former U.S. President Gerald R. Ford is greeted by Mansfield University President John Halstead

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Provost leaving MU

By KIMBERLY SAPONE
Editor-in-Chief
Provost Dr. Joseph Moore announced to department chairs this week that he will leave Mansfield University after the Spring semester. Moore is expected

to assume the presidency of Empire State College in New York, part State University of New York system. The SUNY Board of Governors is expected to act on his appointment at the end of the month. Moore left on va-

cation this week, and was unavailable for comment to the Flashlight.

President John Halstead, in an email to faculty, said that he will advise the Board of Trustees this week to launch a national search to fill the vacated position.

Halstead appointed Dr. Priscilla Travis, professor of Communication and Theatre and President-elect of the University Senate, to chair the search committee for the new Provost. Halstead said the entire

committee will be appointed and will meet in early April, and will consist of mostly faculty members, academic staff, a Trustee and a student, after Moore's new position is confirmed.

Sigma sponsors AIDS week

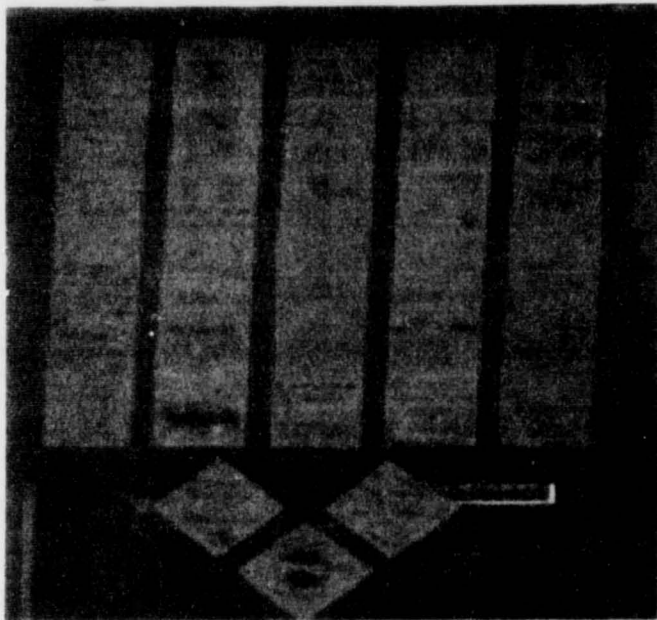
By SUZANNE YEAGER
Flashlight Writer

Advocacy, remembrance and prevention are three words signifying AIDS Awareness Week, March 19-25. SIGMA, a service organization on campus, holds events for Mansfield University and this year, they have extended their programs.

According to Darcie Goodenough, a member of SIGMA, the week began on Sunday night at 7 p.m. at the student mall with a candle lighting ceremony and prayer presented by Reverend Deb Casey.

On Monday, members of SIGMA were in lower Manser from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. giving out red ribbons, while offering information and sign-ups for the volleyball tournament and white face on Thursday.

Volunteers were on hand with supplies to make a patch for the Mansfield University AIDS Quilt. This event ran



Jenna Rawa/FLASHLIGHT

Pictured above is the quilt in which is being constructed for the AIDS week festivities.

from 11-8 p.m. in each residence hall. SIGMA members were also on hand in lower Manser again to offer information and ribbons. Paul Machori, speaking about AIDS abstinence, protec-

tion and HOPE, will be in North Manser on Wednesday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the Student Activities Office at x4980.

From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Campus Ministry will be painting faces white so that those persons remain silent in remembrance of those who have died of AIDS. That night, from 7-9 p.m. at the Kelchner Fitness Center will be a volleyball tournament co-sponsored by Phi Sigma Pi and SIGMA. The entrance fee for the tournament is \$8 per team. Contact Samantha at x5154 for more information. Half of the proceeds will be donated to an AIDS related charity and the rest to the winning team.

The last event at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 25 is the viewing of *Absolutely Positive*, an educational movie about AIDS. There will be free popcorn and soda available. All the AIDS events are free, except for the volleyball tournament.

By expanding the AIDS Awareness Week events and holding the AIDS quilt patch-making this year in each dorm, "we are hoping that there will be more campus involvement and more AIDS awareness on campus," said SIGMA president, Karen Krouse.

Alumni opens April 17

Rebecca J. Seamans
Flashlight Writer

The Alumni Hall Student Center finally shows signs of completion.

The opening is tentatively set for April 17.

Tom Johnston, Director of the Student Center, said, "if you walk through there now, it would look as though it is 95 percent done." With that in mind, he also commented, "April 17 is the target date for the opening barring any glitches." By Fall 2000, the Student center will be fully operational with the student workers trained and all the equipment available for all students to use.

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Three die in Bloomsburg TKE house fire

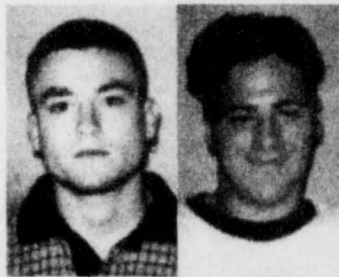
By Michael Loatman
Cavalier Daily
(U. Virginia)

(U-WIRE)— Tragedy struck Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg early Sunday morning when the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity house caught fire, killing three Bloomsburg students in the blaze. Two students and an alumnus escaped the fire.

Junior Marcus LaBuda of Hazleton, who was the chapter president and an environmental planning major, and junior Cliff Vail of Dunellen, N.J., a Business Finance major, were identified Monday as two of the three victims. The third victim has not been identified. A dog also perished in the fire.

"This is a tragic, tragic accident. The range of emotions everyone here is dealing with is enormous," Bloomsburg spokesperson James Hollister said.

After the end of a party the fraternity held Saturday night, six males slept at the house. At 6:05 a.m., the fire de-



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partment received notice of a fire at the house.

Three of the six occupants escaped the house and reported being awakened by heavy smoke and fire alarms.

The fire department has yet to determine the cause of the fire, Hollister said, and the case still is under investigation.

The fire is the second fire at Bloomsburg in recent memory. In October 1994, a fire killed five students at a fraternity house, he said.

"I never would have imagined that this university would have to deal with such tragedy at all and yet this is the second time it has happened now," he added.

The fraternity house had been in violation of 12 safety standard codes during



Photo courtesy of Bloomsburg VOICE

Firemen and emergency personnel remove the body of a TKE house fire Sunday in Bloomsburg. Three men died in the early morning fire.

an October inspection by the town code inspector, but all infractions had been corrected by January, Hollister said.

Classes were canceled yesterday at the univer-

sity to help students cope with the tragedy and deaths of their classmates.

"This is an unthinkable tragedy; a horrific accident. It will be difficult to deal

with, especially for young undergraduate students," said Timothy Murphy, executive vice president & CEO of Tau Kappa Epsilon International Fraternity.

Sounding as sharp as steel

The Masters of guitar will perform Tuesday

By MARIA VALENZANO
Flashlight Writer

Take a break from studying Tuesday March, 28th and head over to Steadman Theater and listen to the "Masters of the Steel String Guitar." The four guitarists will perform country blues and traditional Appalachian music.

The performers include Eddie Pennington who currently lives in Kentucky but performs regularly in Europe. He plays a thumb picking guitar which was made famous by Chet Atkins and Merle Travis. This music has been fully developed by black and white performers in and around Kentucky. This intricate flowing style of music is created when the performer plays the rhythm parts with the thumb and the melody with the fingers.

Johnny Bellar is a composer and a Nashville musician who has appeared on

both Nashville Now and the Grand Ol' Opry. Bellar is a virtuoso performer on the resophonic and lap steel guitar, better known as the Dobro.

Wayne Henderson is a legend among the Nashville Pickers. Henderson is known for his speed and his fluidity, as well as making steel guitars. One musician waiting for Henderson to make a guitar is Eric Clapton. Henderson still lives in Rugby, Virginia where he was born.

John Cephas plays the oldest form of the blues known as the Piedmont Blues. This blue music and repertory performance that links to black string bands dating back to Colonial America. Cephas has earned the W.C. Handy Award twice and the National Heritage fellowship from the National Endow-

ment for the Arts.

This is just a little information about these men and the music they perform. In order to truly understand the talents that these men hold you have to come out and see the performance.

The "Masters of the Steel Guitar" will be held Tuesday March 28 at 8 p.m. in Mansfield University's Steadman Theater. The performance is free and open to the public and it has been coordinated by the Northern Tier Cultural Alliance which is based at the Center for Arts and Folklore, with additional support from the Mansfield Activities Council, the MU President's Advisory Board for the Diversity and the Pine Creek Arts Council.

Pennsylvanians want tougher gun laws

By DANIEL AMIDON
Flashlight Writer

The results of Mansfield University's twelfth annual Public Mind Poll indicate a majority of Pennsylvanians believing that stricter gun control is necessary. The poll, conducted through telephone surveying, involved a random sample of 1404 commonwealth residents from all different areas of Pennsylvania and different political beliefs.

The survey included four proposals and asked participants if they would agree or disagree with each. The first proposal is whether there should be tougher penalties enforced for crimes committed with guns. The survey found that 88 percent of Pennsylvanians would support these tougher penalties. The next proposal is whether all handguns should require registration.

The results were 87 percent of the public agreeing with this. The third proposal is the issue of whether gun sales should be banned from classified advertisements. 73 percent of those polled agree that they should be banned. The last question was whether parents who own guns should be responsible for crimes committed by their children with their guns. The study found 64 percent of Pennsylvanians agreeing with this.

The study also found that 40 percent of households in the commonwealth have at least one firearm. Republican men showed lower percentiles of agreement, while Democratic women held the highest amount of yes answers. The study also showed that a large majority of Pennsylvanians support at least some form of additional gun control is necessary.

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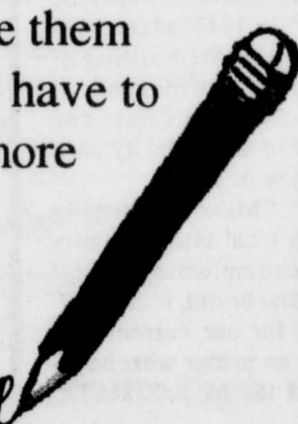
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Dispelling the myths around binge drinking

By LES WILLIAMS

Flashlight Writer

Coming to college, did you think that drinking and partying were the most important thing to do? Do you think it would always be like "Animal House"? Well, obviously on this campus, it's not like that at all. There is drinking and there are the parties, but you don't have to do the drinking.

The pressure to drink is certainly a problem to college kids, and first year freshman in particular. Those are the students away from home and may never have experienced drinking before. Those are the students that need to be paid the most attention. Freshmen, when you got here, did you feel the need to prove yourself as a champion drinker? Did you try to drink all of your friends under the table? When you turned 21, did you feel the need to do you 21 shots. Odds are, you regret-

"Some kids feel pressured to have their tolerance at a very high point, because that's where they think it should be."

-Carmen Bianco

ted it the next day.

Last year, the Harvard School of Public Health conducted a survey of 119 schools to study how binge drinking affected the college student. It showed what factors lead to binge drinking, and also set up a working definition for the topic.

Binge drinking- the consumption of 5 or more drinks in a row for men in a 2 week period. The number of drinks for a female is 4. You may say to yourself; "Just 5? I can do that and not feel drunk." Well, maybe not, but for many students, it is entirely too much. Some kids feel pres-

sured to have their tolerance level at a very high point, because that's where they think it should be, and in reality, it's not that high at all," according to Carmen Bianco, the director of drug and alcohol education at Mansfield University.

The study outlined some problems that are associated with binge drinking, not just the physical aspects, but the "second hand" impacts as well. There are grades that suffer because you have been up all night babysitting your vomiting roommate. You might have a test the next morning, but certainly can not leave them to suffer. They might pass

out eventually, but they might die as well. Even breathing is impacted due to drinking. Drunks make a lot of noise, keeping you up because they are talking loudly. And of course, the sound of somebody vomiting in the garbage can might make sleep difficult.

Of course, the most serious cases are drunken driving and sexual assaults. In the study, it showed that 98 percent of the cases involved at some point, be it the victim or the assailant.

What can we do to combat such problems?

Continual education is important, but the main thing is responsibility. Be mature and responsible when you go out. Fortunately in his first year as an RA, Dennis Haggerty has not had many problems. "My residents have been very responsible when they go out. There haven't been any major incidents with kids getting very sick because they've had too much to drink. I think it reflects their maturity," said Haggerty when asked about binge drinking and how it related to his floor. Responsibility is the important thing. Be smart about your drinking. Know that you do not necessarily have to drink when you out.

Supreme Court Justice is first Maxey speaker

Special to the Flashlight

Associate Justice Ralph P. Cappy of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania will be featured speaker at the inaugural George P. Maxey Lecture at 6:30 p.m., Monday in Manser's Dining Hall.

The lecture will recognize Mansfield University's outstanding criminal justice administration and social work majors. Judge John Leete of Coudersport, a criminal justice administration instructor at MU, will talk about Maxey, and MU President John Halstead will host the event.

One of the most distinguished graduates of Mansfield, Maxey also earned his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. In 1913, he was elected the district attorney of Lackawanna County and in 1934 was elected to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. In 1943, Maxey was elevated to the position of Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and served in that capacity until his death in 1950.

"Maxey, coming from a local mining family and accomplishing everything that he did, is an inspiration for our current students, no matter what background the have," said Dr.

Gale Largey, professor of social work, anthropology and sociology at MU. "He played a key role in gaining the right to unionize for employees, and was a champion of civil rights."

Cappy earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1965, and his doctorate from the Pittsburgh School of Law in 1968. He served as

the public defender of Allegheny County and as a Judge from the Court of Common Pleas in Allegheny County before assuming his current position.

The lecture and dinner is open to the public, with a charge of \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. To make reservations, call Mark Robarge at (570) 662-4493, or Nancy Sidell at extension x4489.

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6 - 7 p.m., Thursday, March 23
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"The System is pleased to have been a significant partner with the Commonwealth in this very important acquisition of services," said Chancellor James H. McCormick. "The provision of advanced information network services at competitive prices is absolutely essential to meet the needs of our universities and students."

The System already has launched several strategic initiatives that will depend heavily on advanced telecommunications services.

"The System's Keystone Library Network, our push into distance education and our project to develop a shared administrative information system among our 14 universities will be significant beneficiaries of the new contract with the PA Team," said David J. Gray, the System's vice chancellor for information technology. "The new contract will position the System to take full advantage of new technology applications as they emerge."

The State System anticipates that the transition to the new system will begin in July and take up to 18 months to complete.

The State System of Higher Education is the largest provider of higher education in the Commonwealth. Its 14 universities offer more than 250 degree and certificate programs in more than 120 areas of study. Nearly 350,000 System alumni live and work in Pennsylvania.

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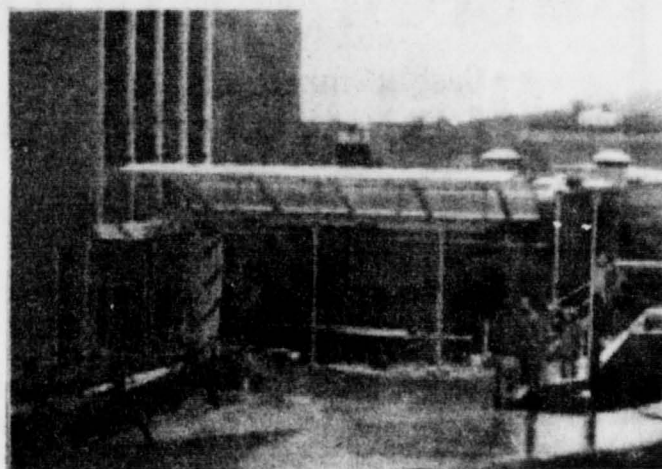


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The entrance to Alumni Student Center nears completion. The curved canopy is also a ceiling feature in the interior.

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For a glimpse at the new Student Center as it stands now, take a virtual tour on the MU home page in the department of Student Affairs.

The new center will be the home to the two level bookstore, SGA, SAO, Flashlight and the Martin Luther King Center. Also there will be several student meeting rooms along with new billiards and ping-pong equipment.

"I am thoroughly excited with the opening of the new student center. I am also glad that I am here to take part in this exciting renovation for our campus," said sophomore Josh Blas. "Maybe there will finally be a place for students to congregate and just relax other than Manser," said junior Lori Subers.

If you have any information or questions regarding the Student Center, contact Tom Johnston at Ext. 4981.

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Editorial

Students, administration, faculty and staff of Mansfield University - it is time for you to make your voices heard. If you are not registered, get registered! If you are registered, and you decide not to take your responsibility seriously, you are the one losing out. Remember, no complaining for you when a politician does something you don't like.

The Pennsylvania primary election takes place on April 4. Those of you who are not registered, you have missed out on the primary election, however, there is still time to get registered in time for the November election. Voting is your national duty, and if you don't do it, you are wasting a valuable right that accompanies democracy.

Rock the vote on April 4

Staff Editorial Daily Collegian (Pennsylvania State U.)

April 4 is the big day when Pennsylvanians have the chance to rock the vote. It's a day when the people of the commonwealth choose who they want to represent their respective political parties in the presidential election.

Funny, it's hard to make a statement like that and keep a straight face at the same time.

Now that presidential campaign challengers Bill Bradley and John McCain have backed out of the race, Pennsylvania gets to choose from the leftovers of other state's primaries.

By Super Tuesday, March 7, the nominations are already pretty much decided.

Candidates don't really campaign here, which is too bad. It can't be too comforting to Pennsylvanians that the nation's future leader just doesn't care about what residents here think. Oh, campaigners may say they care, but

when all is said and done, how much effort are these politicians spending to garner the support of Pennsylvanians? The answer is clearly very little, because it would be a waste of time and energy. And regarding the primaries, it just doesn't matter for those candidates.

Pennsylvania's support in the general election is decidedly important. There is no doubt George W. Bush and Al Gore will eventually spend the big bucks here. It's just not right that McCain and Bradley didn't get the chance. Maybe the two who dropped out would have proven successful in Pennsylvania. Maybe Pennsylvania could have had the chance to play a more important role in the election.

Because Pennsylvania is a large state with a large number of delegates, it only seems fair that it should hold its presidential primaries earlier. Everybody knows Pennsylvania is an important state, and thus its delegates should be able to have a real voice in the entire process of choosing its

country's leader.

True, every state deserves a voice, but if you think about it, Pennsylvania should have a little more influence than a state like New Hampshire. Hey, New Hampshire might be able to hold its first presidential primary because its constitution says so, but yet again, how fair is that?

It's a small state, which is quite obvious. And this certainly isn't a call for war against New Hampshire or the large number of states that have already held their presidential primaries. It is simply a cry for help. Pennsylvania's presidential primary should be moved up into the earlier part of March. It only seems right.

Ohio's presidential primary was moved up this year, and lo and behold, they played an important role in this year's elections. Given the chance, who knows which presidential hopeful Pennsylvania would have chosen. Maybe delegates would have made the same decision every other state has made, but at the same time, Pennsylvania still needs to be allowed the opportunity to make that decision.

Letter To The Editor

What does it mean to be Greek?

To the editor:

We are writing this article to help clear up some of the confusion and stereotypes of the Greeks system at Mansfield University.

To be a Greek does not mean that people are judged on the most superficial levels such as race, gender, sexual preference, and personal style. It is about leadership, scholarship, service and brotherhood/sisterhood. As individuals unite together they present their individual qualities to benefit the organization as a whole. So in turn each member of a social Greek organization (a fraternity or sorority) is diverse.

All Greek societies were founded primarily to encourage academic achievement, many students may believe that joining the Greek system at Mansfield University may hinder their academic performance. Non-Greek individuals are misled about the academics of being in a Greek organization.

When in reality, the social Greek system G.P.A. is comparable and most often higher than the average G.P.A. of the Mansfield University student body. In fact, every social Greek organization provides study hours to promote scholarship and achievement. Also, all social Greek organizations have academic standards set by their national chapters for the chapter to be successful.

Another misunderstanding about social Greeks is that we condone hazing and drinking. Not at anytime is an associate member forced to do anything that he or she is not willing to do. No student, regardless of the organization they choose to join should ever be subjected to any form of hazing. In all social organizations membership recruitment and education is also alcohol free.

Additionally, members of social Greek organizations spend numerous hours providing service to the community both

locally and nationally. Some of the things Greeks do for the community include work with: The American Cancer Society, The Leukemia Society, The Local Blood Drive, Food Drives for local Service and Churches, Special Olympics, The Green Home, they donate books to the local library and much more.

The Greek experience at Mansfield can be a safe and fun way to maximize your collegiate journey. Feel free to let us know if we can assist you as you begin this journey. Questions regarding Greek life can be directed to the office of Greek Affairs and Student Leadership Development or contact any member of the eight recognized social Greek Organizations. Social Fraternities are Phi Mu Delta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Sigma Tau Gamma and Phi Beta Sigma. Social Sororities are Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Sigma Tau, Delta Zeta and Zeta Tau Alpha.

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Have you registered to vote in the November 2000 elections? If not, voter registration materials are available for both Pennsylvania residents and non-Pennsylvania residents at the main desk in the library. Voting is not only a privilege, it's a responsibility. Please register now and exercise your right to vote in the November elections.

Are you a victim of domestic violence or do you know of one?

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Aries ♈ 3/22 - 4/20

Your schedule threatens to overwhelm you. Try meditation to stay grounded in your body. A lighter load can only give you greater mobility, which you need. Time and excuses for not making changes and getting things done are running out.

Taurus ♉ 4/21 - 5/21

This is the time to work for lasting results on the job front. Lay the groundwork for long-term financial gains. If those around you refuse to lighten up, find the friends who'll understand exactly how you feel. Struggle is replaced by contentment.

Gemini ♊ 5/22 - 6/21

You can't find concerns more basic than health, home and family. The Virgo Moon slows your busy pace down to one of maintenance and introspection. You're far more interested in long-term cures than in bandages. Present conditions are too limiting to let you exhibit the full range of your talents.

Cancer ♋ 6/22 - 7/23

A good day for communicating your ideas and opinions. You will be able to focus clearly and tolerate even the smallest of details. Then you will be able to recite them to someone else! Everyone involved will be impressed!

Leo ♌ 7/24 - 8/23

People familiar with your usually generous spirit may be a little surprised when they hear you calling out show me the money! Today is the time to make an honest assessment of what things are really important to you. You may be more introverted effort to figure out what is important to you.

Virgo ♍ 8/24 - 9/23

A high time for Virgo! You have an incredible amount of energy and stamina today. The Moon is in your own sign, and lady luck is smiling on you! It is a good time to focus on yourself. Your mind will be clear and quick, enabling you to obtain new insights concerning what you really want.

Libra ♎ 9/24 - 10/23

Conclusions are impossible when you have too many factors to consider. Try not to crack under pressure. Your state of confusion buys you the time to do some extensive research. Interactions with others could be confusing and less than rewarding at this time.

Scorpio ♏ 10/24 - 11/22

Body and spirit are closely bound right now. Pay attention to the signs of hunger. This is an excellent moment to be people-oriented. Even the quirky loner is not without some kind of support system. Others fill your life with value and meaning. Friendship is the key element of any successful plan.

Sagittarius ♐ 11/23 - 12/22

Your skin is thin and your temper short. Try not to be too vigorous in a fragile situation. Enthusiasm is fine, but tact is even better. There's no rule saying that you have to take bad advice. Someone's rank doesn't necessarily make him or her an expert. Stay in control of yourself, or you'll only make things worse.

Capricorn ♑ 12/23 - 1/20

The perfect plan is worth all the time it took you to arrive at this point. You come fully equipped with all the tools you need. Share your wealth and your secrets. Your awesome brain power is a thing of envy to those who know you. Teamwork opens up a vista about which you could only guess when you worked alone. Others depend on you for your ready solutions.

Aquarius ♒ 1/21 - 2/19

Differing opinions will not serve you well today. You may find that other people's ideas are too much in conflict with your own. Your stubborn nature will show itself today, making it difficult for others to convince you to change your opinions and behavior or to break undesirable habits. Try to be tolerant as the keyword for today will be teamwork. Stay focused on the common goal.

Pisces ♓ 2/20 - 3/21

Yes, you know everything, but how well can you communicate it? It's too easy to lose your patience when you have to explain the same thing over and over. There's creativity in tailoring a personalized response. Whether it's time for a new dance or for changing partners, the music compels you to move. Dance to the beat of a different drummer.

Special Olympics of Tioga County

is looking for individuals or groups to volunteer at their Annual Spring Track & Field Event from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Thursday, April 27.

Escorts and groups to run activities at the event are needed.

For more information or to sign up, contact Tanya at 662-3639 or stop by Retan Center 213.

Press Conference**Ford: I made the right decision to pardon President Nixon**

"I would have never expected to see the former president in person."

-Gladys Cummings



"Everything went great. I am thankful that I was able to attend."

James Moyer



"I was personally suprised with the topics that he decided to discuss. Very pleased overall."

Joel Fritzenger



"Having the former president on campus was an honor."

Lisa Robinson



"I was so suprised that he delivered his speech without the aid of cards."

Joe Maresco



"Our students were afforded a wonderful opportunity to meet and listen to the former president."

Sharon Carrish-Bulkley

CARL D. MADONNA
Flashlight News Editor

"I spent 25 percent of my time listening to lawyers as for what to do about Nixon's papers. 'I made the right decision to pardon President Nixon and I have no regrets to the decision,'" said former president Gerald R. Ford. Ford was sworn into the oval office during one of the most stressful times in our nations history. "This was a time when the American people had lost faith in the democratic system," Ford went on to say.

Yesterday marked the arrival of the nation's 38th President to Mansfield's campus. The first task for the former president was a news conference that was held in North Hall's community room. Twenty-eight individuals showed up for the news conference. Among them were print media, representatives from Channel 18 and 36, secret service and Mansfield University's elite.

The 86 year old Ford fielded several questions ranging from milk prices to the current gasoline dilemma facing our nation. When asked if President Ford had considered his wife running for any political office, Ford said, "I think that one politician in the family is enough." "At first, I had no intention of becoming the president, my intention was to be named Speaker of the House but I got diverted," Ford said.

The problems that faced our nation in 1974 led to the demise of Americans faith and belief in our political system. President Ford stated that his top priorities following his appointment were to, "Domestically, restore the public confidence in the White House. 'Internationally, we need to negotiate with other nations and relinquish the nuclear threshold facing the population.'"

Ford also stated that while he was in college, the unemployment rate in Michigan was around 40 percent. "I am thoroughly pleased that as of right now, the unemployment rate is around only 4 percent," Ford said. Another major problem that President Ford addressed was the current situation with gasoline prices. Ford established the federal oil reserve which currently contains 600 million barrels of crude oil. "The Arab nations really ought to understand that is not in their best interest to keep the prices high," Ford said.

Social security was another issue that was under the microscope during Ford's visit. "There are approximately 40 million Americans relieving checks from social security, another 10 to 20 million relieving aid from Medicare," Ford stated. He also noted that with this many people relieving aid, social security will run dry within the next ten to twelve years. The president offered no real solutions

to these situations but noted that it will be our generation that must compensate for the burdens previously set in motion.

"In retrospect, I hope that historians say I took office during the time when Americans lost respect for those delegating power," Ford said. On a lighter note, Ford stated that he began showing interest in politics while in high school. In fact, Ford ran for class president his senior year and ended up losing the election.

"I was very excited to hear of the presidents coming to campus, I was very interested to get a perspective of where Ford stands on certain issues that face our nation," said Terry Day, director of public relations. Ford commented on our campus saying, "I am overly impressed with the architecture on your campus, I also love the atmosphere of your surrounding community."

The former president then moved on to a meeting with several students and answered questions with President Halstead by his side. Ford noted that the toughest thing to accept was watching our men getting thrown out of Saigon. "That was one of saddest days that the White House had ever faced," Ford said. He did note that there could have been several avenues that we could have taken to avert this tragedy.

The eagle scout then addressed our generation by stating that we need to start to putting our faith back in the voting booths. "In 1974, we thought that your generation would flood the ballot boxes with your votes," Ford said. Ford then stated that we need to start to take advantage of our opportunity and get back to the voting booths.

Ford then spoke on the problem of alcohol abuse across our land. "Alcohol is the worst influence on the lives of those who abuse it," Ford said. Ford's wife, Betty, also battled the addiction of alcohol and survived. She now presides over the Betty Ford Center in California. The success of the center is astounding. They have had over 39,000 patients since there start, with 67 percent of them fully recovering.

Ford addressed the situation in Columbine and other school shootings by saying, "Your generation needs to know the people that are having difficulties with life. 'Get involved and save them by simply getting involved with their lives.'"

President Ford showed amazing stamina for a man 86 years young. Ford showed a genuine interest in the future of our nation, us. He commented several times about our generation having to take control and take pride in the fact that we are Americans. "President Ford actually gave me goose bumps after listening to his passion for our country," said MU student Colleen Gardner.

Photos by CARL D. MADONNA

Speech

Gerald R. Ford: Patriot and President

KIMBERLY SAPONE
Editor-in-Chief

Gerald Ford is proud to be an American. The former President of the United States told the audience at Mansfield University's Decker Gymnasium on Tuesday night. America is proud to have Ford too - he and his wife, Betty, were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1999.

Gerald Ford was sworn into office on Aug. 9, 1974, during one of the most turbulent times in American history. The world was recovering from the Vietnam War, Watergate, and the first presidential impeachment. Ford was left with the job of making the country trust the government that had let them down. At age 86, Ford is still intensely interested in Republican politics.

"As America goes from the 20th to the 21st century, I am very proud," Ford said. Ford talked of the past century with much optimism, saying there are many more positive aspects of our history than negative ones. He listed winning two World Wars, overcoming the Great Depression and the amazing contributions of American scientists as the reasons why America is the best country in the world.

"I condemn the pessimists . . . who go around, condemning America," Ford said.

Ford also discussed the four places where he thinks the government's extra money

should go: social security, the armed forces, the national debt and adjustments in taxes.

Ford said that social security will be bankrupt within the next 10 to 15 years. This will leave the millions of people who rely on social security, Medicaid and Medicare with no where to turn.

Secondly, Ford said that since the end of the Cold War in 1990, the government has been cutting back appropriations for the armed forces. This has caused diminishing numbers in all areas of the nation's defense.

"We have cut too deeply and we have added too many commitments," he said.

According to Ford, the United States is \$5 trillion in debt, and each year, \$260 billion in interest is added to that amount.

Finally, Ford stressed that something had to be done about America's tax situation.

"Give people some of the money back that they have earned and that they have turned over to Uncle Sam," he said.

Ford ended his speech with the reasons why he thinks America is so wonderful.

"I have faith in our government and faith in our people," he said. "America is the type of country that I love."

Ford was brought to campus by Citizens and Northern Bank.



"He commented on alot of topics that were current and relevant. Excellent speaker."

Tim Shaal



"Our development team has done a great job. Having Ford here was an honor."

Sondi Strohecker



"How often do you get to see a former and listen to what he has to say."

Les Williams



"It was cool to hear Ford talk about pardoning Tricky Dick."

Patrick Manwiller



"We don't get to see and listen to someone of his stature on a regular basis."

Hugh Schintzius



"It was a great experience to work with the secret service."

Tony Regalbuto



"Everything went well. I was so happy to see such a great turn-out from our students."

Terry Day

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Julia Roberts shines in true 'Brockovich'

By JESSICA HOLT
Daily Bruin
(UCLA)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES -- When producer Carla Santos Shamburg went to her chiropractor four years ago, she never expected to hear the story she did. Her chiropractor told her about another patient, Erin Brockovich, whose real life events sounded like a movie.

Intrigued, Shamburg invited Brockovich to her home and listened to her relate her own story. Her chiropractor was right. Brockovich's story was tailor-made for the silver screen.

Now the compelling events of Brockovich's life open in theaters everywhere this Friday. Directed with an edgy subtlety by Steven Soderbergh, the film version convincingly and beautifully captures this ordinary woman's amazing story.

Julia Roberts plays Brockovich, a financially struggling mother of three. She begins working as a file clerk for lawyer Ed Masry, (the phenomenal Albert Finney and stumbles across a bunch of medical records wrapped up in a real estate case.

Confused, she investigates the matter further and discovers that the multi-billion-dollar company PG&E has covered up water contamination in the rural town of Hinkley. The effects of this contamination have led to devastating illnesses among countless residents.

With no legal background and just a high school education, Brockovich fights for a cause she believes in. She wins the trust of the town and then with the help of Masry, goes against the big bad wolf, PG&E with stunning results.

While having this incredibly positive effect on so many people she also transforms her own life for the better.

Roberts delivers the most fully realized role of her career. Appearing in every scene, her multi-faceted portrayal of the real life Brockovich combines sharp, acerbic humor with an emotional depth and sensitive vulnerability. Roberts sheds the last of her ingenue status to embrace her emergence as a serious, gutsy actor.

Brockovich is a woman who resists being defined. Although she may wear eight-inch miniskirts, stilettos and plunging necklines, Brockovich is anything but a dumb bimbo. Underneath the cosmetics, she is a strong, intelligent woman who knows how to use her appearance to



Julia Roberts giving her portrayal of Erin Brockovich in the self entitled movie.

her advantage. Roberts deftly handles this complex personality, giving a performance that rings of honesty.

Albert Finney's stodgy portrayal of small time lawyer Masry, perfectly complements Roberts. An odd couple, the two powerfully interact with one another, creating an intensity brimming with vitality and humor.

Aaron Eckhart is also noteworthy as Brockovich's boyfriend George. As Brockovich becomes immersed in the case, she often sacrifices her time with her children and George to fight for the rights of the people of Hinkley.

George is there to support Brockovich and take care of her children when she can't. An anomaly, George is both the masculine Harley Davidson biker and the loving, sensitive father-figure. Eckhart plays both sides well and he and Roberts have great chemistry.

With a powerful script by Susannah Grant ("Ever After"), the cast benefits from the well-developed story and smart lines. Roberts especially gets to dig her chops into truly juicy material, delivering zingers and retorts with ease. Her response to Masry's suggestion that she rethink her wardrobe ("As long as I have one ass instead of two, I will wear what I like, thank you very much") induces as many gasps as it does laughs.

With all the recent hoopla concerning the veracity of movies depicting real life events, Brockovich's story never feels false. Both Grant and Soderbergh ad-

manly worked to verify the events of the story, maintaining that nothing needed to be embellished - the story already spoke for itself. The real Erin Brockovich collaborated with Soderbergh and Grant, even appearing as a waitress in one of the scenes (look for the pretty blond waitress with the name tag, "Julia").

Grant purposely leaves out the courtroom drama, instead focusing on the tenuous process of bringing the case to trial. This serves to heighten the characterizations of the townspeople and make the work of Brockovich and Masry all the more impacting.

Soderbergh further highlights the importance of this human story with a simple, almost documentary, approach to filming. In less accomplished hands, Brockovich's story could have been turned into a glossy mainstream story. Yet with Soderbergh, the emphasis remains where it should - on the personal relationships Brockovich creates.

"Erin Brockovich" is in many ways a textbook "David and Goliath" story as well as the classic rags-to-riches tale. Yet it never feels contrived or familiar. Instead, it profoundly reinforces the beauty of the human spirit, made even more poignant and sweet because it really happened.

'Erin Brockovich' to be shown at Oscar Gala

Special to The Flashlight

"Erin Brockovich", the inspirational drama starring Julia Roberts, will be shown at the Oscar Gala, a fund raiser for Guideline, on Saturday, March 25, at the Penn Wells Hotel and Arcadia Theatre in Wellsboro.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Guideline, Laurel Health System's 24 hour, free telephone information and referral service for residents of Bradford, Sullivan, and Tioga counties. In addition to connecting people with services to meet their needs, Guideline also publishes a monthly newsletter for the parents of children with special needs.

The evening starts at 6 p.m. with a social hour at the Acadia Theatre, Main Street, Wellsboro. This year, the Oscar

Gala salutes spy movies. Guests are encouraged to dress in formal wear or as their favorite spy character.

At 7 p.m., guests will enjoy a bountiful buffet dinner, catered by the Penn Wells Restaurant. Following dinner, Guideline will award its own version of the Oscars to the best costumed guests and winners of games.

Only 95 seats are available. Tickets are \$30 per person.

For ticket information, call Guideline toll free at 1-800-332-6718 or the Arcadia Theatre at (570) 724-9371. Tickets may also be purchased at the Wellsboro Area Chamber of Commerce, 114 Main Street, Wellsboro, and the Mansfield Chamber of Commerce, Main Street, Mansfield.

Smashing Pumpkins' 'Machina/The Machines of God'

Music Review

By MATTHEW DIAMOND
The Daily Free Press
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(U-WIRE) BOSTON -- Why is it every time someone writes an article about a certain quartet (and onetime trio) from Chicago, it has to bring up every demon from their past? It's getting quite tiresome actually. While Smashing Pumpkins may have experienced enough traumas for a Behind the Music movie, they've refused to go quietly into the cold, black night. Most of the early '90s alternative bands have either broken up or could not make the post-grunge sound transition. But this group is one of only a few bands that were able to evolve with the changing tastes of the alternative listener.

Under the leadership of musical-genius Billy Corgan, The Smashing Pumpkins have put out 6 full-length albums in 9 years (3 of which were released in 3 consecutive years). It was smooth sailing for the Pumpkins musically, until their underrated and underplayed 1998 release, "Adore." The chemistry of the band was in disarray after the firing of their talented percussionist Jimmy Chamberlin, and the attempts to replace him with a drum machine for the recording of Adore. Even though touring drummer Matt Walker was found on some tracks, critics panned it and fans didn't buy it; they both accused the band of "going soft" and being "too gloomy."

From what can be heard on their latest release, Machina/The Machines of God, it appears that Corgan took the panning and poor sales personally. A return to the harder sound

that put them into the alternative mainstream was the only option for the Pumpkins to rise back to the top of their game. Like everything Corgan does, the making of Machina was a meticulous process. Step 1 was to re-hire Jimmy Chamberlin, the fuel to their fire. Step 2 was to patch things up with the fans by playing a small-club-only "Arising" reunion tour and rock the house. Step 3 was to head back into the studio with Flood and Howie Weinber, the team responsible for producing and mastering the Pumpkins' biggest success, 1995's double-disc masterpiece Mellon Collie & the Infinite Sadness. Step 4 was to smash the hell out of that drum machine and crank up the amps attached to those dusty guitars.

No time is wasted letting listeners know that Machina isn't full of Adore's fluff. The album's first track (and first single), "The Everlasting Gaze," begins with a short, but forceful, guitar solo and some cymbal tapping, and then explodes triumphantly. Immediately noticeable on "Gaze" is the graceful return of Chamberlin's dazzling rhythm, which foils Corgan's poetic lyrics to perfection.

The songs on Machina aren't a radical departure from the Pumpkins' previous efforts. The 15 new tracks are offsprings of all their previous albums' material. There's the son of Gish's deceptive rocker "Snail," "I of the Mourning," on which Corgan pleads, "radio plays my favorite song/radio please don't go/radio don't you know/radio I'm alone."

The "Today"-like, "Stand Inside Your Love," which like its "Siamese" forefather is destined to be a hit. "Wound" a hipper version of Pisces Iscariot's "Whir." "Heavy Metal Machine"

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Campus Voices

Each week the feature staff of *The Flashlight* will be hitting the campus and finding out what YOU think.

If you had to name the all-time greatest song, what would it be?

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Features/Photo Editor



"Brown-eyed girl by Van Morrison."
Billie Kasten, junior, math education



"The song White Rat by White Rat. That song captures me in a way that no other song could touch."
Christian White, senior, elementary education



"F.T.W. by ICP and Korn's A.D.I.D.A.S."
Loren McNett, sophomore, computer science



"Mo' money, mo' problems by Puff Daddy and Notorious B.I.G. and Sexual Healing by Marvin Gaye."
Lonnie E. Brown, junior, biology/chemistry

Author discusses life as 'banana'

By KAREN HOLGATE
Flashlight Writer

The audience is hushed as the distinguished man with salt and pepper hair begins his tale. His gentle tone smoothly conveys emotions. It is a soft Asian voice with a hint of a Canadian accent. The people gathered for the reading are spellbound.

This was the scene Monday night when a vast group of people came to hear

acclaimed author Wayson Choy. Choy began the evening by telling how he had been inspired to write at the age of fifteen by the book of a young French girl. Or perhaps it was the expensive jaguar she posed with.

He went on to speak about growing up in Vancouver's Chinatown. He told how he was referred to as a "banana", a person who is yellow outside but white on the inside. He said every culture had its own variation of this. They are "oreos" for

blacks and "coconuts" in Hawaii. He also spoke of a friend who grew up in China as a missionary and was called "egg" when he returned to England. He was white on the outside and yellow inside. He thought this was justice.

Choy went on to talk about the importance of signs. He told how at first he tried to ignore them but when he started to follow them his life changed.

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carries on the spirit of the furious "Bodies" from Mellon Colie in a less fast-paced fashion. And finally, "Raindrops and Sunshowers" is the slightly different twin sister to another Pumpkins pairing, "Apples + Oranges," off of Adore.

Machina doesn't have one track that stands out amongst the others; it has two. The first, "This Time," is a mesmerizing piece that proves Corgan and Co. are true mas-

ters of their profession. It's no wonder rumors of the end of the Pumpkins swirl around before every new release with lyrics on "This Time" like "we have so long/to fall apart/as the curtain falls/we bid you all goodnight." While their future as a group may hang in the balance, the second over-achiever on Machina is the nearly 10-minute Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde opus "Glass + the Ghost Children;" a two-part composition moving from robust to delicate.

Similarities aside, Machina/The Machines of God

is a strong and satisfying return to the harder sounding Pumpkins of yore. Sadly, for Pumpkinheads it will most likely be the last album that will feature all four original members. But there's no need for tears since that's what was said when Chamberlin was kicked out.

When it comes to rock & roll, The Smashing Pumpkins' latest release teaches a valuable lesson: in an industry of break-ups, tragedies, and uncertainty, it's only the music that truly matters.

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Polishing the diamonds



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Rosie Pagana and her team prepare for crucial conference play



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Kelly Morris and teammates were the finest thing in Carolina.



Photo provided
Bill Allen gave MU solid pitching in Fort Myers

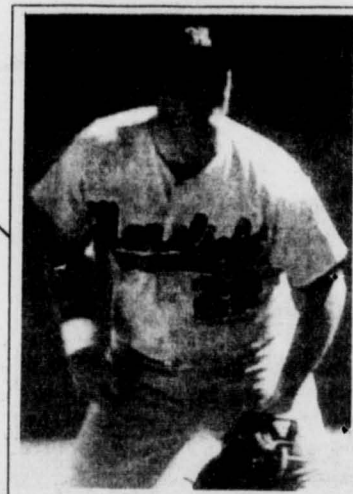


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Chad Swogger and his mates bats are heating up.

Softball rips through the competition in Carolina trip

By DARREN A. DeVOUE
Sports Editor

The Mansfield University softball team turned its spring break into a spring splurge... winning spurge that is. The team made the North Carolina trip into an MU playground as it went 6-0 en route to the 8-2 record that the team currently holds.

The season started off for the ladies in a nerve-racking fashion as they squeezed out a tight 2-1 victory against Barton (N.C.) College in the first game of a doubleheader. Kelly Morris fired smoke from the mound as she went the distance while allowing only three hits. MU solidified its win by getting runs in the first and sixth innings. In the bottom of the sixth inning, Barton scored to bring MU within a run but did not have any gas left to tie things up in the bottom of the seventh. The two MU runs were scored by catcher Rosie Pagana and outfielder Megan Williams.

The second game started much like an old Western shootout. The Lady Mounties were the last one standing with a 16-6 victory. The two teams combined for eight runs in the first inning, which ended with the Lady Mountaineers holding a 5-3 advantage.

Mansfield blew the game open in the span of the last two innings, scoring seven runs, while Barton was unable to keep pace with the MU bats. Angela Crater turned in a solid five innings to earn the win.

Apparently the ladies were starting to find their groove.

Next on the menu was a doubleheader with North Carolina Central. MU did little for the team-moral of NC Central routing them in both games, 13-0 and 9-1. Both games were called after five innings due to an eight-run rule. Kelly Morris had the necks of opposing

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MU baseball team return from Florida ready for PSAC slate

By DARREN A. DeVOUE
Sports Editor

The Mansfield University baseball team emerged from one of its toughest spring break trips ever with a 9-6 record and a ranking of 27 in the Division II top 30.

The Red and Black began their trip with an 8-4 victory over Saginaw Valley (Michigan). Bill Allen earned the victory for the Mountaineers, fanning eight batters over five and two-thirds innings. With the win, Allen had improved his record to 2-0 for the season. Adam Lewis, RJ Lee, and Scott Costa each drove in two runs to substantiate the MU offense in the win. Lee and Costa both doubled as well. MU held a 3-0 lead after two innings, and rode that advantage to the winning margin.

Next the Mountaineers squared off against then 13th-ranked Ashland (Ohio), where they split a

doubleheader. The first game looked as if Ashland might turn things into a rout as they staked a 6-0 lead after one inning. MU displayed their resilience by fighting their way back into the contest. After seven and one-half innings, the score was knotted up at eight. Ashland shook off the MU rally and responded with a homerun in the bottom of the seventh to give themselves the win over the Mountaineers. After seeing that they could play with Ashland in the first game, MU proved that they could beat them in the second game. Eddie Frame stepped up for MU and turned in an outstanding game, going 6-8 at the plate. Frame smacked two balls out play and finished with four runs batted in (RBI).

After the big win over Ashland, the Mountaineers were on the losing side of a 4-1 score against Malone College. Malone only notched three more hits that MU, but the red

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So kid, what do you think of Mansfield

A MU recruiting report

By DARREN A. DeVOUE
Sports Editor

Alumni, administration, and fans like to know what their favorite teams are doing to prepare for their upcoming season. The coaches from Mansfield University's sports programs regularly bring in solid athletes to contribute to MU athletically and academically. This year, a year in which basketball concluded its 100th season with new coaches for both genders, and football breaks in

a new coach, is a year that might prove pivotal for MU athletics as each and every athletic program has shown marked improvement, whether in the win column or the area of attitude and confidence.

Men's Basketball:

After the ups of an eight game winning streak and the downs of an eight game los-

ing streak, Vince Alexander and his staff set out to plug the holes that possibly kept them out of the playoffs. "We needed to add depth at guard and give ourselves more inside presence," Alexander said.

Guard is a concern because the Mounties will lose two key players in four-year letterman Kevin Perluk and all-everything guard Tommy

Harvey. Jason Roscoe, who sat out last season, is a kid who, according to Alexander, "can flat out 'd' it up." Shanning Robinson, a 6'6" power forward out of Luzerne Community College has signed. Other signees include Ian Connor, a 6'8" inside player out of Hamburg High School.

Women's Basketball:

Similar her male counterpart, Ruth Henderson ended her first-year as a coach knowing what her team would need to take the next step. "We needed size, because we're losing one of the top rebounders in the conference in Heather Nichols," said Henderson. Kelly Lerch, another contributor inside exhausted her eligibility this season. 5'11" Nicole Katsoff is the one current signee Henderson has. Katsoff already has a nickname given to her by her future teammates (Belvedere), so ap

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Chlorine, Speedo and swim caps

Swim team concludes season of records

By DARREN A. DeVOUE
Sports Editor

The season has concluded for the Mansfield University swim team. Although no one qualified for national competition, the team comprised of six females, closed out a season in which they staked their place as an upcoming team in their conference, and made a regular habit rewriting the MU time records.

The lady swimmers finished with a misleading 3-8 dual meet record on the season. Their record could be attributed to the fact that they were the smallest team in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC). Yet the team finished eighth, outlasting bigger teams. The eight place finish at the conference meet represented the



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MU's swimming program L-R: (back) Cristina Jacome, Jen Markert, Teresa Ulett, Sara Davis, coach Danita Pokorny (front) Jaime Ragukonis and Candice Cipolla.

highest finish for the program. It's quite fair to say that the ladies would have been in the win more frequently with more team members. The second smallest swim team in the conference was Millersville, who

had eight and finished 5-9. For the record, when Mansfield faced Millersville, they crushed them 104-54.

Many times this season, the MU swimmers won their events, but still lost on points. "It's tough to overcome the point differential," said head coach Danita Pokorny. "Because the points that you get from winning first in an event are canceled out by the other team taking the other top

finishes in that particular event." Jamie Ragukonis, Candice Cipolla, and Jen Markert were the main centerpieces on the progressive season for MU. Markert was named PSAC Swimmer of the Week in February, while Cipolla was an All-PSAC selection. Ragukonis owns, or shares, eight school records. Her record-setting resume includes the 100 yard freestyle, 200 yard freestyle, 100 yard breast stroke, and was a member of the 200 and 400 yard medley relay teams, as well as the 200, 400, and 800 yard relay teams. A medley means that the certain strokes are combined in the event. According to Pokorny, they consist of 1 lap each of the breast and back strokes, and two laps

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Hockie Sockie, Ha!



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Danita Pokorny gives her charges an example of kicking tail.

The Game of Life

The story of men's basketball coach, Vince Alexander

By DARREN A. DeVOUE
Sport Editor

The path of life has proved fruitful for men's basketball coach, Vince Alexander. The first year coach has made a home in the small area of Mansfield after a journey that started in the hot areas of Houston, Texas.

At the tender age of 36 Alexander already finds himself in the position he had set out to attain 13 years ago, while a player at Oklahoma Baptist University, that of a collegiate head coach. "Once I entered college, I knew I wanted to coach," said Alexander. "I wanted the opportunity to impact the lives of young men through basketball. I knew if I had the opportunity to work with them on and off the court, I could teach them what call, 'The Game of Life.'"

Growing up in the rough third ward section of Houston, Alexander learned two fundamental lessons from his mother Margie Alexander, hard work and perseverance. Despite the oppressive surrounding's, displayed a tough spirit, working tiring hours while single-handedly raising Alexander and his three sisters. She did not use her schedule as an excuse to shirk time with the children. "No matter what her schedule was, my mom made certain that she had every weekend off to spend with us. Whether it was bowling, Six Flags, or Astro world. We spent every weekend together." A stereo type about the South is that it's citizens place a paramount importance on church. "Every Sunday," Alexander adamantly



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Coach Alexander instructs his charges on the nuances of basketball.

stated, removing any doubt as to where Miss Alexander's children spent the early-part of their Sundays. However, those Sundays went on to become a critical staple of the person that Alexander is today.

Another pillar of Alexander was constructed with his participation on his high school basketball team, where he began to excel. His senior year at James Madison high school, Alexander earned All-City, All-District, and All-State recognition. From there the powerful force of fate took Alexander to Inn Junior college, in Texas where he reluctantly acquired yet another pillar. "I did not understand what my coach was doing back then, recalled Alexander. But he was disciplining me, and I needed that. We're good friends now." His coach must have been doing something right to push his charge buttons, because Alexander was an All-Conference selection both of his years at Blinn.

It was now 1987 and Alexander was now off to a different land to attend Oklahoma Baptist University. Not only did Alexander discover his calling at Oklahoma Baptist, but he also found his companion in the form of Anita Reckart. The two were introduced by a common friend who assisted in them nurturing a friendship of

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Just because
you didn't finish, doesn't
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Baseball

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and black committed three errors in the game that would prove costly.

The next opponent for MU was then 11th-ranked Rockhurst. Again, MU let themselves get into a hole against a very tough opponent. After two innings, Rockhurst held a 4-2 advantage over MU. The MU bats picked the wrong time to tighten up, because Rockhurst added five runs to their lead, while Mansfield was unable to get any offensive continuity. Rockhurst rode their solid middle innings performance to a 9-3 victory over Mansfield.

Once again, after a loss, the Mountaineers dusted themselves off and responded in clutch fashion. Against conference-foe Bloomsburg, the MU gave the Huskies something to consider for when conference play begins, taking a 10-7 win. After five and one-half innings, Bloomsburg clung tightly to a 6-3 lead. In the bottom of the fifth, Corey Goodman and Eddie Frame (both Williamsport high school graduates) formed a Lycoming County Connection by hitting back-to-back dingers to bring their team to within one run. Bloom responded by adding another run to their lead going into the bottom of the sixth inning. And the stage was set for Senior Scott Costa. Costa stepped up to the plate with the bases full. Costa then was in the midst of a 2 balls-2 strikes count, and instead of simply protecting the plate, Costa sent a screaming-mimi flying over the right field fence to clear the bases and give the game its final scoring.

In the next game against Kentucky Wesleyan, the Mounties received a bitter pill, as they fell 10-9 to

Weslyan. Going into the bottom of the seventh inning, the Mountaineers were on top 9-7. Weslyan would get the two critical runs they need to send the game into extra innings. The Mounties could not bring anyone home in the top of the ninth, and Weslyan capitalized to score the game-winning run over MU.

After suffering the disappointing loss to Weslyan, MU proved that their heart could not be questioned, as they responded with consecutive victories.

The first win was an 8-2 tension-reliever over then unbeaten Thomas More. Shawn Wettig was a stalwart on the mound for MU, striking out four batters, while not allowing a run in his six innings of work. Scott Costa went yard again in another team victory as Mansfield upped their record to 6-4.

The second victory was a 3-2 nail-biter of sorts over Salem Teikyo. The Mountaineers trailed after five and one-half innings, until Goodman hit a clutch single to bring home two runners and supply the games final scoring.

After reassuming their winning ways it was time for MU to face another ranked opponent in the form of then 26th-ranked Indianapolis. The Mountaineers were ranked 23rd at the time of the meeting. Unfortunately for MU, they had another tough first outing against a ranked opponent. Indianapolis jumped out to a 3-0 lead after one inning, and that was all she wrote.

Next on the Mountie menu was Southwest State (MN). The Mounties appeared sluggish while State was jumping out to a 7-1 lead, then they started slugging, baseballs that is. MU ripped off eight runs in the bottom of the fourth to stake a 9-7 lead. State took the Mountaineers right cross

and hit them with an uppercut, scoring seven runs in the final three innings, while MU could only bring home two more. The slugfest ended with a final of 14-11 with MU on the losing side of the score.

Once again, MU answered the challenge of coming off of a loss. The Mounties defeated Stonehill (MA) College 7-2. Bill Allen took the mound for MU and went the distance while striking out five batters. Chris Hafich was the hot bat for his team hitting a double and a home run.

In their second game of the day, an 11-7 win over St. Joseph's (IN) College, the Mountaineers were lead by the pitching of Greg Martin and the bat of RJ Lee. Martin struck out seven batters while going five and two-thirds innings. Lee, meanwhile hit two homers while notching five RBI's for his team. Goodman and Hafich also smacked dingers to cement the win for the red and black to round the MU record to where it currently stands.

Mansfield received an unexpected break with the cancellation of a trip to Illinois to face Lewis University. Field conditions in Illinois was the reason for the cancellation. Weather has played a factor on MU's home opener which was supposed to be played against SUNY-Cortland on March 21, but was rained out. The Mountaineers are also slated to play Ithaca College on March 22 at Shaute field, with the game scheduled for a 3:30 start. The red and black is anxious to resume the season. "We're real happy with the way that things have turned out, so far," said MU coach Harry Hillson of the Fort Myers trip. "The ball club is healthy, and things are coming around. We're just looking forward to getting back out and playing." Hopefully, mother nature will become more cooperative.

Softball

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batters feelings quite sore, as she permitted one hit and Lindsey Dempsey cleaned things up for her starter. Someone must have forgotten to tell MU it was supposed to be overmatched against the Division I NC Central.

In the last double-header of the trip below the Mason-Dixon Line, the Lady Mounties got medieval on their opponent, St. Augustine College. The Red and Black outscored its third opponent by a combined run total of 43-3 in the two games. The first game was an 11-1 drubbing that saw senior slugger Kim Swarts bat 2-2 (one triple) while bringing home two runs. Morris and Dempsey were retiring batters like old age as the pitching duo combined for twelve strikeouts.

The second game saw MU take St. Augustine out back, behind the shed. The final score, 30-2, is all that would have to be said about the apparent dominance of the ladies. They set a new school record for runs in a game and hits in a game with 23. Kim Swarts, Kristina Petersen, and Kristen Lewis collaborated to go 9-9 including four doubles, a triple, one homer (Swarts), and a ridiculous 14 runs batted in.

After returning home for a short stint, the Lady Mounties were back on the road for a tournament at the University of Charleston in West Virginia. The first game saw the ladies add to their victory total with a 3-0 decision over Salem-Teikyo. Jack, er, Kelly Morris was the story as she shut down her team's opponent allowing only one hit in five innings of work. Lindsay Dempsey took over and notched the school

record in saves with her fifth.

The next game saw the ladies endure their first loss of the season, 5-0 to Indiana University of PA, as they were victims of an opponent's pitching masterpiece. Julie Giacomini of the Lady Indians pitched a no-hitter against MU in seven innings. Maybe the shoulders of MU batters were sore from whacking so many balls in the past two weeks.

Gannon, who was the next tournament opponent for MU, jumped out to a 3-0 lead after two innings. MU could not get the bats going until the bottom of the seventh inning when they scored three runs. Unfortunately, the damage had already been done as Gannon earned a 6-3 win over MU.

MU coach Edith Gallagher said she is very pleased with the effort turned in by her charges thus far this season. "We've had other players step up," said Gallagher. "Some players, that are not known for their power, are helping the team cause." Gallagher does not believe the 7-0 start will cause her team to be complacent. "The girls understand that the conference is coming up and those are huge games. They are still hungry."

Until then, MU still has two non-conference dates on the slate. Thursday, they will travel to nearby Lock Haven and Tuesday head Northeast for a date with SUNY-Binghamton. Then, the murderous traveling portion of the schedule will be complete, and then the lady Mounties must contend with the crucial conference-schedule of their season. April Fool's Day will be the first home game for the Lady Mounties, where they will host conference foe, West Chester.

Swimming

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of freestyle swimming. Markert owns school records in the 100 yard butterfly, 200 yard butterfly, the 1,000 yard freestyle.

The team scoring received a boost when Cristina Jacome became eligible and scored multiple wins in the 50 yard freestyle. Jacome's speed was also a plus for the 400 yard relay team, which set the school record at the PSAC meet.

Next season, the team is looking forward to a boost in numbers, which will hopefully become evident in the win column. For a report on definite incoming swimmers, check out the recruiting report in this issue.

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their own. "We started off as friends, hanging out, playing dominoes and cards...and wound up in a relationship," Alexander happily recalled. "We ended up getting married!" The spouse of any type of coach is often called upon to be supportive, and Mrs Alexander has answered the call. "That's been my biggest fan ever since college, and still is," Alexander proudly boasted of his wife. "Well, besides my two boys."

Apparently, the Oklahoma area had been good to Alexander, so he settled in and began his coaching career at Oaklahoma City high school, and began his path towards M.U. It was here that Alexander began to impact the lives of young men, especially one in particular. A boy can have almost every factor for success in their favor, however the importance of positive guidance from a father-figure is not to be underestimated. A fifteen year-old named Demontric Doodles needed that guidance, and Alexander needed to learn how to give it. Doodles became the Alexander's son and the two began a process of growing together that is still continuing. Demontric is now a key player for M.U. and also played under his father when he moved to York, PA to run the York high school program. It is human nature to hold your own to a higher standards than others, and Alexander is no different. "It is hard for him in high school," said Alexander his son. "When practice was over and others players got to go home, he went home with me...to watch film! Fortunately the relationship between father and son is learning to cope with the strain of life together, in and out of the gym. "It's been somewhat difficult, but it has gotten better every year," Alexander said of he and Doodles bond. "And I don't think he needed to mature as much as I did."

Alexander's predecessor, Tom Ackerman took notice of the high school coach's potential, while he was recruiting current MU players, Damon And Damar Lopez. Alexander must have made quite the impression, because Ackerman began to prepare his program for the young coaches arrival. "He told almost a year in advance that he was going to have position open for me," said Alexander. The gateway to college coaching had opened for Alexander, and he took advantage. After two years as an assistant, Alexander on the MU bench, Alexander assumed charge of MU program after Ackerman abdicated the position.

During his time as an assistant, Alexander and his wife decided that they were ready for another challenge, parenting a busy three-year-old named Benjamin have two great parents, but he also has a big brother in Doodles. And Doodles has a younger brother for which he has to provide a positive example. Most older siblings usually complain that the younger receives easier treatment. Unlike his older brother, Benjamin will not have to endure the after practice film sessions until after high school; and that is if he attends Mansfield.

This season was the 100th in MU basketball history. Part of the University's promotion of the centennial season, was a poster with images of the coaches who preceded Alexander at MU. Alexander is noticeably different. In fact he is the first black head-coach in the history of Mansfield. Setting precedence can often be difficult. There are people who enjoy a failure from the enthusiastic Alexander, because of his race. Alexander does not concentrate on such things. "It is in the back of your mind. But at the same time I trust that I was placed here by God, and I'm going to go out and do the best that I can."

Alexander's team fell short of its goal for post-season participation, by a small margin. Now with virtually everything in place on the personal frontier, he will be able to fully apply himself to having his team fulfill their potential as people, and basketball players. "My players are going to graduate," Alexander concluded. "We are going to be a winning program and they are going to take with them a lot of knowledge about being a good person. Just be a good person....period." Amen coach. Amen

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parently she has made a good personal impression with the program.

Guard is not currently a concern for Henderson, where she will return two-time PSAC Freshman of the Week Lynelle Mosely, one-time PSAC Rookie of the Week Niki Snyder, and Second Team All-PSAC East selection Jennifer Nichols. The lady Mounties will return four starters.

Henderson has a verbal commitment from one of the top scorers in Erie County, but is still waiting on a signature.

Field Hockey:

Diane Monkiewicz (pronounced MON-KEV-ECH) will be looking to capitalize on one of the most exciting seasons in MU field hockey history. "Offensively, we have good speed, and girls who can put the ball in the cage," said Monkiewicz. "Defensively we lost our goalie Jen Manton and a key back (defense) player in Alyssa Gates. Both will be sorely missed."

The third-year coach addressed her team's needs signing goalie Heather Long out of Pottsgrove High School. Another signee will be midfield/back player Andrea Masemer. Monkiewicz awaits a letter from one other recruit to arrive.

The field hockey team will participate in two tournaments in the month of April. The first will be April 8 at Muhlenburg College; the second will be at Kutztown University the following Sunday.

Football:

Joe Gilbert is doing



Photo provided

Joe Gilbert is putting his mark on MU football.

arguably the biggest spring cleaning job in the history of MU football. The schemes in every facet of the game (offense, defense, and special teams) are changing. "We're going to open things up," said Gilbert, apparently aware of MU's inability to throw the ball last season.

Gilbert and his staff are looking to add size and speed at receiver and are looking at a number of players to fill the need.

Gilbert went after linebackers, and got some. Ricky Woods, a 'backer out of Corcoran High in Syracuse, N.Y. Another signee at the position will be Steve Schaffer. Gilbert's biggest signing coup may have come in the form of John Loiselle. Loiselle, a 6'2", 250 pound running back was one of the top 50 players in the state of New York and played in the Governor's Bowl, a high school all-star game against top players from New Jersey.

On the classroom front, Gilbert has been recruiting the help of faculty to keep his players on the academic straight and narrow. He has been at the department meetings in the university. "I'd like to thank all the professors who are helping us, and let them know that they are helping the university improve as well as our program." So if your a Mansfield football player, it is likely in your best interest to ignore the snooze feature on your alarm clock, and make that trek to class.

The team is currently making preparation for the annual spring game, which will be April 29 at 10 a.m. "We will be bringing back the Butzko Awards Breakfast at the spring game breakfast," said Gilbert. The Butzko Award is an award in memorial of fallen MU assistant, Carl Butzko. Also at the break-

fast, captains for the 2000 season will be announced, and recruits in attendance will be introduced to the team.

Baseball:

Despite being in the midst of his season, head coach Harry Hillson is busy looking to solidify his squad. "We're always looking at pitchers, because you can never have too many of those guys. Also we will be graduating two catchers so we will need to address those areas. Hillson had no comment on any signees as of press time.

Softball:

Like her male counterpart, Edith Gallagher must replace five key seniors at the end of this season. Catcher, and outfield, as well as pitcher are areas that will become areas of concern with the conclusion of the 2000 season. Again, similar to her male counterpart, Gallagher had no comment of any signees as of press time.

Swimming:

Danita Pokorny will lose one of the best swimmers in MU history, when Jaime Ragukonis graduates in May. Ragukonis has one more year of eligibility left. Would MU like to foot the bill for her Grad classes? Seriously, Pokorny has already signed one swimmer for next year. Kate Houck of Parkland High school in Orfield, PA is the first of Pokorny's latest class. She hopes for the commitment of swimmers from a wide range locations. Pokorny has her hands in Vermont (her native state), New York, New Hampshire, and some international flavor in the form of Canada and Yugoslavia. Current MU swimmer, Cristina Jacome is from Ecuador.

This week in Mountie Sports

Baseball:

Wed. vs. Ithaca (3:30)
Sat. vs. Lock haven (1:00)
Sun. @ St. John Fisher (1:00)

Softball:

Thurs. @ Lock Haven 2:30
Tues. @ SUNY-Binghamton

Track and Field:

Sat. @ Bucknell (TBA)

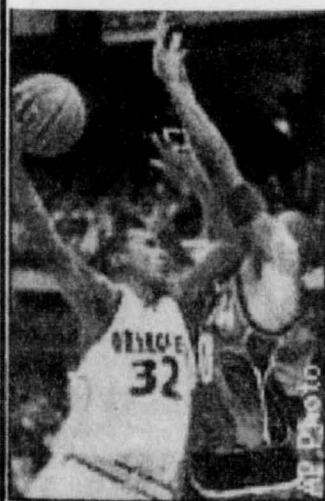


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Next week:

The Madness of March is almost at a conclusion.

Check next week's

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for the Final Four preview.

Next week:

The Mansfield University

Track and Field team preview for the outdoor season.

Read about the fastest team on campus

Flashlight Sports Trivia Twister

Category: College Basketball

What team was the first #15 seed to win a game in the NCAA tournament?

Last week's answer:
Defenseman, Bobby Orr formerly of the Boston Bruins.



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WEATHER

Wednesday's Weather:

High: 41
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Student charged after fight Selena released on bail after Saturday night altercation

By CARL D. MADONNA
Flashlight News Editor

A Mansfield University student faces multiple charges following a fight at 17 E. Elmira Street, Saturday.

Chris Selena, 21, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault, simple assault, criminal mischief and reckless endangerment of another person charges following Saturday night's episode.

Selena and an accomplice entered the Elmira Street apartment beat Donald Harer with a hammer and monkey wrench, according to Mansfield Borough Police.

The victim, who is also a MU student, was transported to Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital in Wellsboro for treatment, police said.

Police arrested Selena at Marx Brothers a short time after the fight.

Police said charges are pending against Selena's accomplice. Police did not release the suspects name.

"Chris and Dan were arguing all night at TKE, and we were asked to leave to avoid conflict," Harer said Monday. The 'Dan' t Harer spoke of is his friend Dan Kress.

Kress and Selena have previously had disagreements, according to Harer. "I was showering back at my apartment while Dan was sleeping upstairs, and Selena and his friend rammed in," Harer said.

The injuries Harer suffered in the fight were left him with nine staples in his arm and two in his back. He also has a head injury. A 30-gallon fishtank, coffee table, answering machine and window were destroyed in the dispute.

Selena was taken to Tioga County Jail Saturday. He has since been released on bail. He is presumed to be at his home with his parents.

Selena is a junior and member of Sigma Tau Gamma.

Selena was scheduled for a court appearance Thursday, but the date postponed and was not available at press time.

'Shades Apart' headlines Spring Fling 2000 April 28

By JESSICA SHERIDAN
Flashlight Writer

The end of the year is quickly approaching, and the annual Spring Fling is always here. The campus-wide event will, "Give students a way to unwind and have fun before finals" says Spring Fling 2000 coordinator Joel Fritzenger.

The event will be held from 3 to 10 p.m. on April 28th in the South Hall Mall. Entertainment will be provided all day long. The Trinidad Steel Drum band will make another appearance hear at Mansfield, and for the first time on campus, The Lonny Gamble Soundcheck will perform. Headlining Spring Fling 2000 is the group Shades Apart. Shades Apart contributed to the soundtrack of the hit teen movie, "American Pie."

Throughout the afternoon events such as a ladder

climb, dipping your hands in wax and the "big chair" for students to get their picture taken in. All these activities

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are free, except for the pie-throwing contest. This will cost participants one dollar for each pie thrown. Various members of the Mansfield University administration, faculty and staff are being asked to volunteer to take a pie in the face. The proceeds will be donated to a Mansfield University student who is in need of a seeing eye dog. Along with games, Spring Fling 2000 guarantees lots of great prizes to lucky winners. Items such as T-shirts, Pepsi products, CDs, posters and candy have

been donated.

This free campus event is being funded by the Mansfield University Student Activities Office. Organizations such as WNTF-FM, The Flashlight, MAC, SAO, AraMark, Pepsi and Topps are all sponsoring the event. A special thanks goes out to WNTF-FM, Pepsi and Topps Friendly Markets for donating the prizes.

Manser will be serving dinner outside with cookout foods such as hot dogs and hamburgers at regular meal time. This meal can go on students meal plans, with a valid ID card.

Spring Fling has been lullid the past several years, but last year it came back full blast. Rain location for Spring Fling 2000 is Decker Gymnasium. For more information on this event you can log onto their web page at www.springfling.cjb.net or access the radio station's web page.

Senate considers Gen Ed proposals Thursday

By JOHN DAWE
Flashlight Tech Editor

President John Halstead's goal of redesigning and implementing a new General Education program by the start of the fall 2001 semester will soon become one step closer to completion. A team, appointed by Halstead, along with the University Senate have been working on the new general education program.

Thursday the University Senate will choose between four possible new curriculums. The four different choices several differences.

The "Model 2000" proposes a First Year Studies program that would be run on a pilot which would be evaluated in two years and then evaluated. The three credit block of Health/Physical Education would be broadened to a wellness requirement. The model keeps the existing "blocks" of Humanities, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Social Studies and a Professional Elective. It would add a block of Languages and Literature which would include English and Foreign Language coursework.

The "Hybrid General Education Model" would include a three-credit first year seminar, similar to the Model 2000. The core curriculum would remain the same, with Oral Communications, Composition, a Fine Arts choice and three credits of Wellness. The recommended additions to this would

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Contractors hand over keys to Student Center April 17

By AMBER LINDQUIST
Flashlight Writer

The spring semester is rapidly drawing to a close. Regardless, many individuals around campus are anticipating the grand opening of Alumni Hall Student Center.

For an entire semester, we have watched Alumni Hall progress through its various stages. Some of us have observed the interior changes via the web-page as well as those being visibly made to the exterior. Although the semester is nearly over, the time to open the doors is fast approaching.

With the opening of these doors, students will be introduced to a world of opportunities. Within this newly renovated structure, students will find a comfortable place to sit down and observe the world around them according to Tom Johnston, Director of Student Union. Upon entering the doors an individual will find an ATM machine furnished by Pennsylvania State Credit Union. Another feature available as you walk through the doors will be an information desk where visitors to the campus or anyone requesting information will be able to find out what is happening around campus.

Commuter student lockers have been increased in number and campus organizations who wish to claim their mail in the Center will be able to do so.

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4 win week

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MU student meets with President Clinton

By DANIEL AMIDON
Flashlight Writer

While many MU students enjoyed vacationing over spring break, one particular student had the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. to meet the president. Cheryl Costas is a non-traditional sophomore, pursuing her degree in criminal justice administration. Costas was asked to deliver a speech concerning raising the federal minimum wage rate.

President Clinton has already proposed a bill that would increase the minimum wage rate to \$6.15 an hour. This bill has reached the United States Senate and already has been accepted by the House

Meeting President Clinton was a terrific experience, but receiving my degree will be an even more memorable moment.

-Cheryl Costas

of Representatives. Cheryl's speech preceded an address by President Clinton about his proposed bill.

Costas was selected by the AFL-CIO through her local headstart program because she is a mother of four and carries a full time student status at Mansfield University. Costas also main-

tains a full time position in the evenings to support her family. Costas received a telephone call inviting her to visit the White House on March 7th. Not only was Costas ecstatic about meeting the president but she was also excited to board her first flight destined for our nation's capitol.

The trip turned out to be very beneficial for Costas. She spent some time in the Oval Office conversing with Clinton who was very receptive according to Costas. "I was very nervous before I went into the Oval Office, but President Clinton was very cordial and invited my family to come back and visit," Costas said. Since then she has received two letters and several phone

calls to set up another presidential visit sometime this summer when her children have time off from school.

Upon delivering her speech, Costas recalled that she was overwhelmed by Senators trying to question her all at once. Finally, Ted Kennedy pulled Cheryl aside to get away from the crowd. He then proceeded to give her a brief tour of the White House. She credits Kennedy with "rescuing

her" from the situation and was excited to meet him.

It's now back to the daily grind of being a parent, student, and provider for Costas. Costas is working hard toward her goals of completing a degree and trying to gain a better life for her and her family. "Meeting President Clinton was a terrific experience, but receiving my degree will be an even more memorable moment," Costas said.

'Pie in the face' will benefit guide dog fund

By CATHYWARNER
Flashlight Writer
& KIMBERLY SAPONE
Editor-In-Chief

A fellow Mansfield University student is being helped out in buying a seeing eye dog by the organizers of Spring Fling 2000.

The Flashlight is sponsoring a pie throwing contest at this year's Spring Fling, being held from 3 to 10 p.m. on April 28 in South Hall Mall.

Letters were mailed today to faculty, staff and administrators, asking for their help. These people are being asked to volunteer to receive a pie in the face. Each pie will cost \$1.

"The organizations involved are honored to be able to help out a fellow student," said Joel Fritzinger, one of the coordinators of this year's Spring Fling.

Flashlight Editor-in-Chief, Kimberly Sapone said the idea to give the proceeds to charity came about after the paper decided to run a pie in the face contest.

"Joel brought it up at a meeting to plan Spring Fling, and I thought it was a great idea," Sapone said. "I told my board, and they were also enthusiastic about it, so we decided to go with it."

The Flashlight is asking the entire Communication and Theatre department to volunteer themselves to be pied, as well as various other members of the MU community.

"We'd like to have a lot of members of the community come out and pie their favorite (or least favorite) person in the face," Sapone said. "It's fun and it's for a worthwhile cause."

Bartoletti hosts presentation on child labor issues April 5

Special to the Flashlight

Child labor and the struggles of young workers to survive in the Pennsylvania coal country in the late 19th and early 20th centuries will be the subject of "Passing On The Past." This presentation by author Susan Campbell Bartoletti will be presented at 4 p.m., April 5 at Manser's Dining Hall.

Bartoletti has written extensively about the two million children who worked in mines, mills and factories, bootlacks and peddlers in Pennsylvania's coal region. She has authored several children's books including two award-winning nonfiction photo essays, *Kids on Strike* and *Growing Up in Coal Country*. Bartoletti has also published the novels *No Man's Land: A Young Soldier's Story* and *A Coal Miner's Bride*.

During this slide show presentation, Bartoletti will share stories of the children who grew up, worked and played during the time when anthracite coal was king.

"Passing On The Past" is part of the Mansfield University Film & Lecture Series. This presentation is free and is open to the public.

Flashlight Weather

WEDNESDAY



Partly cloudy
Hi 41 Lo 29

THURSDAY



Partly cloudy
Hi 50 Lo 27

FRIDAY



Partly cloudy
Hi 55 Lo 31

SATURDAY



Partly cloudy
Hi 57 Lo 35

SUNDAY



Partly cloudy
Hi 63 Lo 40



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Police Beat

Multiple Charges

Campus police reported that Rochelle Payne, 18, struck another female in the face at Zanzibar at 11:30 p.m. on March 24 at Zanzibar. The victim, also a student, has been threatened by Payne in the past.

The same night, Payne was cited for underage consumption of alcohol after arguing with the residence life staff. Police reported that this incident took place between the times of 11 p.m. at 12:32 a.m. on March 25.

Harassment

Mansfield University Police charged Irene Dsilva, 37, with harassment after she allegedly used the computer of an MU staff member to send an email containing threatening statements to approximately 49 sites. The email was sent on Jan. 23, and the information

was released on March 21.

A female student reported that a male student engaged in repeated verbal contact over several weeks while in Butler Center. The victim knows the suspect, and she requested that he cease contact with her. The incident has been referred to the campus judicial board.

Criminal Mischief

A student's vehicle was vandalized while parked in the T parking lot. Police report that the right side of the car was scratched with a sharp object during the week of March 12 to 24. The incident is still under investigation.

The fire alarm system in Maple B was activated by an unknown person or persons on March 24. Campus police reported that the switch on the alarm pull box located near the East stairwell on Maple B,

fourth floor. Police found that no fire existed, and that the system was activated without cause. Investigation is continuing.

Theft from Auto

An MU student reported to university police that from March 19 to 23, an unknown person or persons removed a Panasonic CD player valued at \$100. Anyone with information should contact the MU Police.

Criminal Trespass

A resident student reported that between the Spring Break week of March 3 to March 12, someone entered the room, and disturbed several items. Nothing was reported stolen, however the incident is still under investigation.

GEN ED

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be a course in 'Science, Technology, and Society' to address modern technology and the relationship that it plays in living in the twenty-first century. The blocks would include Humanities, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Global Perspectives/Cultures, and competencies in writing, technology, and language.

The "Individualized General Education Plan" permits a high degree of student choice in course selection while emphasizing the students' academic and personal growth through the GE program. The 'First-Year Program' would include English Composition and Oral Communications. Students would not be permitted to drop or withdraw from these courses. As part of this program, during the first semester, the students would prepare a 'personal development plan' with goal statements which include academic, career and personal development plans. Students would keep a portfolio that would be evaluated semi-annually and adjustments to their individualized plan would be made at that point. Proposed course guidelines include fields such as arts appreciation, ethics, historical, multicultural and social perspectives, scientific method, logical reasoning, and wellness.

The "Classic Liberal Education" model presents the philosophy that general education should not be restricted to 100 and 200 level courses, but should be encountered at all levels. The areas of study would include written and oral communication, scientific and mathematical research, arts and humanities, theoretical and applied human science, language and culture, global perspectives, reasoning, wellness, and an integrative learning first year course which would present topics to help students adjust to a new learning environment and living atmosphere.

"The most compelling reason for this change is to be in charge of our own destiny and to ensure our student-centered approach to Gen Ed (before someone else does it to us-which is not the Mansfield way)," President John Halstead said in his address to the faculty on March 15th.

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Center

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Also, along the third floor hallway will be an area designated to art displays. This will allow more students to share their work. On each floor there are telephones, both pay and in-house, easily accessible.

Large campus organizations, such as SGA, MAC, MLK Center, and The Flashlight will have their own designated areas. Other organizations will have the opportunity to sign out the Leadership Development Center for specific times to hold meetings. There are also other meeting rooms available for use.

Another impressive area is the two-level bookstore. All textbooks will be kept on the top level while other merchandise will be on the ground level to save congestion during book-buying frenzies. The other large area being transferred to the Center is CCSI and a new food court, "Park Avenview" will be added. This area will have food items you can grab and eat. This will also be a great place to hang out with friends in cozy furniture and admire the view.

Johnston is unsure of how the move from current offices to the new facility will take place, but his best guess is that they will occur "stage-by-stage." Obviously, it would be difficult to move certain operations in mid-semester without conflicting with current procedures. However, even with this in mind, he hopes to have the building open to students within the next few weeks so even the students who are graduating will get a taste of the interior designs.

Commuter and non-traditional Biology major, Barb Slocum, says "I think the new Student Union is going to help unify the Student organizations. I hope to see all students groups working together to make their activities successful."

The main intentions of this building are to create an atmosphere where students can hold meetings and find out relevant campus information in one location. Another feature will be the welcoming aspect and message this building gives to individuals considering Mansfield University. The Association of College Unions International describes a college union as the "living room" of the campus. It also says that the union provides services and conveniences that members of the college community need in their daily lives and creates an environment for getting to know and understand others through formal and informal associations.

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SGA Parking Committee proposes new fees

By CATHY WARNER
Flashlight Writer

The Student Government Association Parking Committee has proposed a list of suggestions it would like the University's Council of Trustees to consider.

Most are aware that parking on campus has become a major problem. East lot needs repairs and new surfaces.

The Parking Committee suggests the parking spaces to be reallocated so there would be more spaces available. The committee is also looking for construction of a new lot behind Cedarcrest Manor. The lot will create 75 to 100 new spaces.

The Parking Committee would like to see the schedule for the Mountie Express posted in lobbies of every building, and it would like to see the Mountie to hold to the posted schedule. In addition, the committee would like to see a shelter to protect students

from the weather. Two such shelters are under contract to be built.

Currently, faculty do not pay to park. The Parking Committee suggests the faculty pay the same rate for parking as students pay.

In order to make improvements to parking on campus, additional funds will be needed. The current cost of a parking permit is \$5.00 and has been \$5.00 since the early 1980s.

According to information presented by the committee, the revenue generated from the parking permit fees is not enough to pay for proper maintenance of campus parking lots.

The number of parking permits purchased in the 1999-2000 academic year can be used to project an approximate amount

of revenue generated by increases in parking permit fees, according to the committee.

Estimated costs of proper annual maintenance and repairs are \$40

per space

n Resurfacing an existing lot \$320 per space

n Cost of construction of new lot \$1,800 per space

The annual maintenance cost per space is the sum of striping and resealing plus 1/8th the cost of resurfacing or \$80 per space.

The Parking Committee obtained information on the number of student parking permits was provided by MU Campus Police.

The estimated costs of maintenance and repairs was provided in a memo from Vice President of Administration and Finance, Stephen Bronn to Vice President of Student Affairs, Joe Maresco. Info also gathered from SGA Finalized Parking Committee Proposal Handout.

Questions about the proposed parking charges should be directed to the Student Government Association. The meetings are held Monday nights at 9 p.m. in Memorial. SGA also has an office on the second floor of Memorial 214, and the office phone is X4984.

Below is a list of proposed parking fee increases:

| Year | Commuter | Campus Residents |
|-----------|----------|------------------|
| 2000-2001 | \$15.00 | \$25.00 |
| 2001-2002 | \$30.00 | \$50.00 |

Annual Revenue Generated From Parking Permits—Based on the number of parking permits purchased for the Fall 1999 to Spring 2000 Academic Year.

Fall 1999-Spring 2000

| Students | Number of Permits | Revenue |
|----------------|-------------------|------------|
| Commuter | 589 x \$5.00 | \$2,945.00 |
| Upper Division | 489 x \$5.00 | \$2,445.00 |
| Lower Division | 330 x \$5.00 | \$1,650.00 |
| TOTALS: | 1,408 permits | \$7,040.00 |

Fall 2000-Spring 2001 estimates

| Students | Number of Permits | Revenue |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commuter | 589 x \$15.00 | \$8,835.00 |
| Upper Division | 489 x \$25.00 | \$12,225.00 |
| Lower Division | 330 x \$25.00 | \$8,250.00 |
| TOTALS: | 1,408 permits | \$29,310.00 |

Fall 2001-Spring 2002

| Students | Number of Permits | Revenue |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Commuter | 589 x \$30.00 | \$17,670.00 |
| Upper Division | 489 x \$50.00 | \$24,450.00 |
| Lower Division | 330 x \$50.00 | \$16,500.00 |
| TOTALS: | 1,408 permits | \$58,620.00 |

President Halstead given contract extension

By CATHY WARNER
Flashlight Writer

The Trustees reviewed University President John Halstead has had his contract extended until June 30, 2003, according to a report received by the Student Government Association at its regular meeting this week.

President Halstead recently underwent a job review by faculty and the trustees, reviewed by the University Board of Trustees last week on how well the trustees think he's doing his job. The review consisted of three days, with the last day with the President present.

President Halstead began his tenure at Mansfield July 1, 1998.

SGA members were informed there will be a meeting about the general education proposals Thursday. The proposals can also be found on line on the student web. It's under departments, then University Senate, and then gen ed proposal. The proposals are 15 pages long.

President Halstead told SGA he would like the new general education proposal to be very student centered. When the new proposal is adopted, it will not

apply to current students, unless they transferring into a different major. The present gen ed has been in effect for 13 years, and President Halstead would like a new gen ed by Fall 2001.

Elections for SGA officers and representatives will be held April 19 and 20.

SGA hosts dance-a-thon

By CATHY WARNER
Flashlight Writer

The Student Government Association is hosting a dance-a-thon for the first time on behalf of the Children's Miracle Network to benefit pediatric care in the Twin Tiers Region. The dance-a-thon will be held on Friday, April 14, and Saturday, April 15 at Mansfield University's Decker Gymnasium. The dance will total 12 hours in length beginning at 6 p.m.

This event is open to the entire Tioga County community. Door prizes will be raffled, awards will be given, food and drinks will be provided and there will be lots of music for you to dance to. Participants will have the opportunity to meet the children and families that their efforts will benefit and all the money raised will remain in the local area.

Summer Jobs

The Upward Bound Program at Saint Francis College, Loretto, PA is seeking qualified male and female applicants to fill tutor counselor positions for a six week residential summer program for 60 high school students. Job responsibilities include tutoring, counseling and supervising high school students in the residence hall, as well as conducting recreational activities. A salary in addition to room and board is provided; this position may also serve as an internship. Candidates should be current college students or recent college graduates who have shown a commitment to higher education and are sensitive to the needs of teenagers. Minimum Q.P.A. of 3.0. Experience working with adolescents desired.

For more information, contact:

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Guest commentaries are also welcome. The subject of the commentary must be relevant to some topic occurring on campus, or to a story printed in the Flashlight. Guest writers should contact the editor about commentaries before the Monday the week of production. Story ideas are also welcome.

All letters can be sent to 217 Memorial Hall, or emailed to flashlit@mnsfld.edu. If you are interested in joining the Flashlight staff, call 662-4986 and leave a message for the news editor with your name and phone number where you can be reached.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Sigma would like to thank everyone who helped with last week's AIDS Awareness Week. Along with the countless hours that Sigma members put in to organize this annual event, many other campus organizations also helped make the week a success. Sigma would especially like to thank Phi Sigma Pi for all of their help in handing out AIDS ribbons, organizing a volleyball tournament, in which the proceeds benefited an AIDS charity, and numerous other tasks that Phi Sigma Pi helped with during the past week. Sigma would also like to thank

the Martin Luther King Center for arranging the guest speaker and providing the movie "Absolutely Positive", and the Kelchner Fitness center for all their help with the volleyball tournament.

Along with the M.L.K. Center, Phi Sigma Pi and the Kelchner Fitness Center, Sigma would also like to thank the numerous other campus organizations that helped with AIDS week, including FCA Christian Fellowship, History Club, Leo Club, Maple Hall Council, Laurel Hall Council, PRSSA, HBT, Tau Beta Sigma, and last but not least, *The Flashlight* for cov-

ering AIDS week. We would also like to thank all of the G.A.'s in Laurel, Maple, Cedarcrest, and Hemlock for their support in helping to expand the University's AIDS quilt to most of the dorms. If we forgot to thank any group or individual, we are sincerely sorry. Your service was greatly appreciated. Again, thank you to everyone who helped make this year's annual AIDS Week a success, and we look forward to working with you next year!

Sincerely,
Karen Krouse and Colene Smith
President and Vice-President of Sigma - A Service Organization

Drink, Drank, Drunk

By BROOK SCHAFF
Daily California (U. California-Berkeley)

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. - Ah. Alcohol. Social evil, social wonder. I remember when I was but a lad my father called me into his den, turned off the television and picked me up. To me he then gave advice for growing; he said, "Brook, someday you'll be so drunk you'll wish you were dead."

I waited apprehensively for this for a long time, unsure of when it would come. Then I went to college -- a.k.a. adult camp. I am just being honest now. Not everyone does, not anyone has to. But at one time or another, I have seen most of my friends, especially the proper group from high school, in a bad way. And maybe vice versa a couple of times. So my dear father -- actually a fine, intelligent, humorous man -- was right. (You know, it's amazing how much smarter my parents have become in the past few years.)

Drinking has two big scripts: at home or in pub. Naturally enough, most Americans have their first drink at a friend's house while the friend's parents are out. High school students and, strangely enough in this country, semi-adult college students have to run some sort of scam before they can get their hands on the goods. The fake ID is a good way; it is more independent than the sibling and less sketchy than the homeless person. Standing in line with a six-pack of beer and your voice about to crack is a crazy feeling. You can receive a sudden scare when you realize that state ID from "Alaskahaha" might not be so fool-proof after all. Still, if nobody takes it you can always roll down to Bowles or some three-letter location off Piedmont, followed by Fat Slice. Or, if you're really drunk, Blondie's.

Going out like this gets old fast. Getting drunk isn't what has staying power. What has staying power is time with friends. It

may be nice and chill, or it may be bawdy and raucous, kicked off with the card game asshole (a game some people always seem to play better than others). Either way, the fun is not in the cup; the fun is in the people you go out with or, more specifically, in their pants.

The thousand or so Cal students who like to go out in Berkeley, exactly three of whom I know, have some nice bars to choose from. Jupiter is a very fine bar, as is Henry's. Raleigh's, Blake's -- both good places to go. That billiards locale on Shattuck is pretty fancy. Spats is fun, though I can't say much for their mixed drinks. There is some other place on Durant that's fun to hang out in. I am probably thinking of Cafe Durant. (Aren't those wooden figures great?) If you have a car you can make it down to the Albatross on San Pablo, or have a really grand evening in the city. I can't recommend any places in San Francisco, because I always get lost when I go there.

Sometimes when I am out with friends in a nice bar with a nice buzz I pause to think how wonderful life is, how I am fortunate to be surrounded by so many wonderful people, how gracefully I could leap between those two tables. If you ever see me having my beautiful moment, please do not touch me. As a complicated guy, I need to appreciate gregarious goodness in solitude.

Socializing in this context has taught me some things about life. For instance, through playing I never (the game where someone says something they "never" did, and everyone who has must drink), I have learned that many of my "friends" are, in fact, big perverts. I have learned that the Irish are a pack of savages. I have learned new words like "out of dome, beer goggles, pull and regret." I have learned that harsh-tasting alcoholic drinks are a self-correcting problem. From the other side of the bar people's behavior seems even sillier. People

always lean on you for comps or try and walk away without paying. I remember one time this woman stayed until the end of the night. I will confess to some Schadenfreude in seeing her hit on the poor tipper, but in the end the joke was on me. When her bill totaled to some \$80 she demanded to know just who carried that much money around with them. Then she threw her bucket glass at my head. When the police came, she told them to take her to jail because she needed a few days off. It was later revealed she taught high school.

The funny thing about drinking is that, like cards, most people know they are exceptionally good at it. If you ever want to see a man or child lie, ask how many drinks it takes to toss him. No one will ever cop to fewer than five. The other taboo is getting hung over, because, you know, it's uncool when your body reacts to you abusing it. One time the next day I found my roommate in the kitchen, huddled against the wall, trying to squeeze the pressure out of his skull with his hands. He was sweating 40 proof and it must have taken all the will of man for him to croak "just a little tired today" before he began to dry heave.

This is the segue to the next thing. Any writing about drinking (this column is about drinking) has this "social obligation" to mention associated risks. You should be aware of these. You should be aware that if you drink too much alcohol you could turn into a loser and start working at the Renaissance Faire. Don't let your short-term fun ruin your long-term enjoyment.

Besides, who has time to drink these days? There is just too much to do. If I have more than one drink in two hours in one evening, all I'm good for the next day is eggs benedict and a lazy afternoon (and maybe a Bloody Mary). One time I tried doing stuff while inebriated; I tried to write this column. It came out really badly; my argument was incoherent, my jokes were predictable, my observations were shallow -- they ended up publishing it on Monday. I actually wished I was dead.

Campus Voices

Each week the feature staff of *The Flashlight* will be hitting the campus and finding out what YOU think.

What celebrity do you think you most resemble?

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"Fred Flinstone. Yabba Dabba Doo, ladies."
Ray Fox, senior, CJA



"A young Robert DeNiro. Be careful, ladies."
Justin May, junior, international business



"Tom Cruise. Hey ladies! Call me and I'll be your top gun."
Josh Dent, senior, business administration



"Xena Warrior Princess."
Lori Subers, junior, psychology

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What? \$\$\$ for top PA residents in Science or Technology majors at MU.
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Did you? Graduate from a PA high school while obtaining at least a 3.0 GPA during your senior year?
Want more info? Contact Darci Stephens (x4854) or Chris Vaughn (x4878).
 Applications and listing of approved majors and additional information is available from either person

Sigma Thanks You

Sigma, a service organization on campus, would like to thank all volleyball teams and referees that participated in Sigma and Phi Sigma Pi's second annual volleyball tournament. Congratulations to the team members of "Crofut" for taking 1st place. All profits go to an AIDS related charity.

Papa V's

Now open on Sundays from 1-9 p.m. Eat in-take out-delivery!

Mark your calendars---HIV/AIDS Testing

Held in Cedarcrest room G7A from 9-11:30 & 1-3 p.m. on April 12.

Attn: Commencement

Commencement participation forms are due by April 1. Only those students who have completed the form and returned it to Mary Lou Stroud in 512 North Hall will receive further communication and tickets for commencement. If you expect to graduate on May 6, and have not received any written communication, please contact Cathy Martin in records (x4355).

"Spring Kicks for Little Chicks"

The Tioga County Women's Coalition sponsors a FREE spring fair for children ages 2-7 years old. The event features games, contests and educational activities such as safety and personal boundaries. Lots of prizes awarded for various activities. Come join the fun on Tuesday, April 25 on the Green in Wellsboro.

Census Jobs are available

Part or full time work is available for four to six weeks in March and April at \$10 an hour with 32 and a half cents per mile for driving. Call 1-888-325-7733 for more information on the job and testing dates and sites on the Mansfield campus. Or you can call Marjorie Brown at 324-5443 or Donna at the Student Affairs Office.

Family and Friends

A support group based on those needing help dealing with their sexuality or those needing help dealing with a friend or family member's sexuality. We try to do fun activities based on others interests when we have enough interest to do so. Conferences/workshops are held dealing with different issues related to these or any topics that involve gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered topics. Meetings are at 3 p.m. on Fridays at the Women's Center in Pinecrest room 101. For more information call Misty at x5124 or Carolyn at 662-3983.

Ally Group

Stickers are placed on each ally's door to signify their incorporation with our program. If this sticker is on any ally's door, they are open minded and will talk to you about anything, dealing with sexuality. This sticker contains the phrase, "Open Mind, Open Door", along with an open door, signified by a rainbow. Any faculty not already part of this program can contact Misty and participate in our workshop. For more information call Misty at x5124 or Carolyn at 662-3983.

Hope House

Hope House is an emergency shelter that provides free shelter and respite for victims of domestic violence and their children. If you are a victim, or know of one, call TCWC at 724-3549 or 1-800-550-0447. All calls are free and confidential.

Voter Registration

Have you registered to vote in the November 2000 elections? If not, voter registration materials are available for both Pennsylvania residents and non-Pennsylvania residents at the main desk in the library. Voting is not only a privilege, it's a responsibility. Please register now and exercise your right to vote in the November elections.

Are you a victim of domestic violence?

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Aries ♈ 3/22 - 4/20

If anything can go wrong today, it will do so before noon and it won't even be half as catastrophic as you or someone else is making out. Your world takes on a rosy hue later in the day when developments in a romance or friendship will be more to your liking.

Taurus ♉ 4/21 - 5/21

Is it someone else who is being perversely stubborn or are you the recalcitrant one? Maybe it's six of one and half a dozen of the other, or could it be that you're getting your kicks out of tormenting each other? It'll all end in tears unless one of you gives in.

Gemini ♊ 5/22 - 6/21

Sometimes you can get so fixated on the words and excited about the issues that you forget when to draw the line. You could put your foot in it, revealing something someone didn't and still shouldn't know about. Aim to stay mentally alert but emotionally detached.

Cancer ♋ 6/22 - 7/23

Strange that you feel your ideas are practical and rational but others lack your vision. Maybe they hear what you're saying loudly and clearly but don't want to admit it as they stand to gain nothing. Credit it where it's due and that's with you today.

Leo ♌ 7/24 - 8/23

Strange that you feel your ideas are practical and rational but others lack your vision. Maybe they hear what you're saying loudly and clearly but don't want to admit it as they stand to gain nothing. Credit it where it's due and that's with you today.

Virgo ♍ 8/24 - 9/23

Keep listening even if someone seems a little scattered in their thinking. Their comments might trigger off your mind revealing potential in the most unlikely suggestions. Joining forces with another is worthwhile if you both play to your individual strengths.

Libra ♎ 9/24 - 10/23

How do you reach a compromise in a career or partnership dispute that's gone on too long? You simply let bygones be bygones and offer the sacred olive-branch. Do this and life will be far more peaceful. Compromise will make a big difference to a relationship.

Scorpio ♏ 10/24 - 11/22

If you didn't get to bed until the wee small hours, it was more likely due to a lover's tiff than a night out on the tiles. Today, it will be largely business concerns and home affairs that keep you occupied. You need something to keep your mind off depressing thoughts.

Sagittarius ♐ 11/23 - 12/22

Your curiosity is tweaked enough that you might want to find out more after hearing a rumour about someone you know. What's more, you could discover there's no smoke without fire but now you know, to be fair, you must take their views on board before forming an opinion.

Capricorn ♑ 12/23 - 1/20

Someone could offer you some interesting advice or information but how reliable is it? How long have you known the source of the data? If it's long enough to know when they're telling the truth or lying, there's no need to worry. If not you'd better keep an open mind.

Aquarius ♒ 1/21 - 2/19

A bout of insomnia may have something to do with money worries that seem to haunt you night and day. If you can't do anything effective about it now, think of something else and seek out the company of friends. You need sensible people around you now and lots of them.

Pisces ♓ 2/20 - 3/21

Thinking of setting up in business or making a fresh start in your career? If so, you're getting close to the time when you must make that no-turning back decision. Don't let nerves get the better of you and besides it's better to jump before you're pushed.

Special Olympics of Tioga County

is looking for individuals or groups to
 volunteer at their Annual Spring Track &
 Field Event from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.,
 Thursday, April 27.

Escorts and groups to run
 activities at the event are needed.

For more information or to sign up,
 contact Tanya at 662-3639
 or stop by Retan Center 213.

Wrestlemania!

Reminiscence of the old, predictions for the new.

Commentary
By KAREN HOLGATE
Flashlight Writer

I remember as a kid sitting in front of the TV waiting for the big event. My brothers and I would sit there rooting for our heroes. We were dressed in the t-shirts of our favorite Superstars. And for one night all we could talk about was the exhilarating sports entertainment we had just viewed. Hulkamania ran wild. The Heart Foundation paraded around with their obnoxious manager Jimmy Hart. Macho Man and Miss Elizabeth were the perfect couple....Oh Yeah! Rowdy Rowdy Piper was a ball of angry energy in a kilt. Andre the Giant was larger than life. Junk Yard Dog made ya bark and George the Animal Steel made ya howl. And Hack-saw Jim Duncan was the original Hardcore Champ!

Those were the good old days. When the managers could always be counted on to interfere. Bobby the Brain and Jimmy always found there way into the squared circle for a well deserved beating. And the mini talk shows were the best. Brother Loves chapel where he would remind you how much he loooooooved you! Adrian Adonis and his flower show were a riot. Each wrestler had their own little set where there story would unfold.

And in those days the gimics were fun. Jake the Snake with his python. Jerry the King Lawler always ruling over his subjects. And the subjects chanting Burger King to enrage him. The British Bulldogs with their pet Matilda, whatever happened to the other one? The Million Dollar Man Ted with his custom made Million Dollar Belt. Superfly Jimmy Snuka who was master of high flying moves. King Kong Bundy who was hell on midgets. The Iron Sheik and Nikolai Volcov who could be counted on to insult every patriotic American watching. Ricky the Dragon Steamboat rocked. The Ultimate Warrior who some how always came out on top.

After them came the new blood. The death defying Rockers with their loud music and outrageous costumes. I was in love with Shawn Michials at first sight of his bleached blond hair and ripped muscles. The Smoking Ginns Bart and Billy would square off against Legion of Doom. The Nasty Boys were pitted against Demolition. Bambam Bigalo with his tattoos and girlfriend Luna. Razor Ramon with his greasy hair and toothpick somehow seemed

sexy. It was the whole bad boy aspect. I always got goosebumps when I saw big Diesel coming down the ramp. Tatanka was amazing with his undefeated streak. Yokozuna was beyond real. Then came my all time favorite wrestler, The Undertaker. Even when he was a bad guy I loved him. It always amazed me to see that big man walk the top rope and the chills I got when he'd rise from the dead were fantastic. To see him sit straight up after a helletious beating was the biggest thrill of my night.

Now you can revisit all those old days. This Sunday is the biggest event in Wrestling...Wrestlemania. Not only that but you can go back and see every Wrestlemania there ever was. Laugh at all the hokey storylines. Remember your favorite matches. And relive the good old days when you knew good would win out over evil everytime. I hope to see my favorite match of all time. Wrestlemania III Hulk Hogan vs Andre the Giant. As long as I live I will never forget The Hulkster picking up that big man and dropping him to the canvas for the win.

I could totally write for the WWF now. I can see a plot twist coming from a mile away. Ask my Freshmen, I can predict events weeks in advance. It's not so hard if you listen close to what the wrestlers and commentators say. Plus, I have had years of experience in watching these dramas. Nothing surprises me. Maybe I'll try to get a job with them. I could see myself doing that. All you have to do is write out plots and some snappy lines for the wrestlers to say. Easy, Breezy, Beautiful Cover Girl!

What are my picks for this years event? Let's start low and work our way up. The Cat fight doesn't hold much interest for me. But for arguments sake, I would bet on The Cat. She needs a new story and Teri needs to be put in her place.

Next we have the triple threat match with the New Radicals and Too Cool with Chyna. Now one of my freshmen, Sheila, is oddly obsessed with Scotty 2 Hottie so I tend to lean toward Too Cool. They have been showing alot of promise and are in a very good spot for advancement in the WWF. Chyna has always been awesome, note she's had more work done and finally looks like a woman. I don't know much about the Radicals because I'm a purist and wouldn't watch WCW if you paid me. But from what I've seen lately they're pretty good, they just need more personality.

Road Dogg and X-Pac vs Kane and Rakishi. I'm leaning toward Kane and Rakishi because

it doesn't seem like it'll be a DX night. Plus, X-Pac has a beating coming to his greasy butt. Look to see Tori get slapped around a bit too. And Road Dogg may find himself facing Rakishi's backside again.

The Ladder Match for the Tag Team Titles is a tough one to call. The Dudley Boyz definitely need to be slapped around. I'm not loving their current story line so they aren't in my fav pick section. The Hardy's are awesome aerially. But they are awfully cocky. And Jeff is bound to hurt himself with the ladders. If you recall the Tori Invitational they were out of control. Look for more high risk maneuvers and death defying acts. I have to say my favorites here are Christian and Edge. The are really intense and just as dangerous as the Hardys. Look to see it come down to a fight between those two dynamics.

It's about time someone gives Kurt Angle a beating. And that's exactly what he's going to get. I see one of his belts going to Chris Beniot and the other to Chris Jericho. I can't say which to who but I see it happening that way. However, Chris Jericho should watch what he says. If he ticks off both men they'll be concentrating on beating him instead of each other. Expect to see old Opie himself, Bob Backlund make an appearance.

Finally the Big Event, the four way match to determine the WWF Champion. A McManon in every corner. I know all the millions and millions of the Rock's fans are expecting a win for him, but that's not what's going to happen. Mick Foley is going to take the belt and retire on top. This has been built up as his life long dream, and you know dreams always come true in dramas like this one. Look for lots of interference on the parts of the family members outside the ring. What will happen after Mick wins? Exactly what Linda said on Raw, there will be a tournament to determine the new champ. The Rock will of course be a top contender. And I predict he will win it, unless Stone Cold comes back, then it's in the air.

Don't come after me if I'm wrong, it's been know to happen. But I assure you this is a day of wrestling you shouldn't miss!

'Beauty' wins big on Oscar night

By JANE MCGONIGAL
U-WIRE (U-WIRE)

(U-WIRE) CHICAGO, Ill. — Everything came up roses for "American Beauty" at the 72nd Academy Awards Sunday night, as the dark satire won five Oscars, including best picture, actor (Kevin Spacey), director (Sam Mendes), original screenplay (Alan Ball) and cinematography (Conrad Hall).

The success "American Beauty" proved a combination of beginner's luck and veteran experience. The DreamWorks film was the

ting performance that came as a surprise to many who knew her only from her previous work in "Beverly Hills, 90210" and "Karate Kid: The Next Generation."

Other top winners included the British veteran Michael Caine for best supporting actor as the orphanage doctor in "The Cider House Rules" and model-turned-actress Angelina Jolie for her supporting role as a hospitalized sociopath in "Girl, Interrupted." It was Caine's fifth nomination and second



From left to right : Wes Bentley, Thora Birch, and Mena Suvari are the young stars of 'American Beauty'

first major motion picture for both director Mendes and screenwriter Ball, while it was the second win for both Spacey and cinematographer Hall, who had been nominated an impressive nine times previously.

Despite its many victories, "American Beauty" didn't pull off a total sweep. Hilary Swank beat out Annette Bening to take home the best actress award for her gender-bending role as Brandon Teena in "Boys Don't Cry." Swank, a first time nominee turned in a hard-hit

Oscar win, while Jolie was a first-time nominee.

The sci-fi box-office smash "The Matrix" was the sleeper success of the evening, winning all four categories for which it was nominated: visual effects, sound, film editing and sound-effects editing.

Critical favorites "Being John Malkovich" and "The Insider," as well as the crowd pleasing "The Sixth Sense" all failed to garner a single award.

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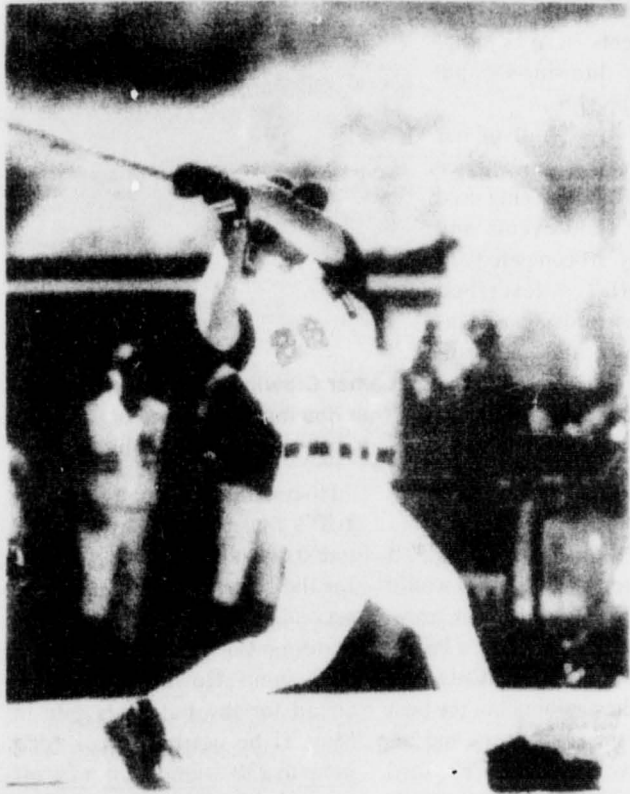


Flashlight Sports

Take me out to the ballgame

Baseball team enjoys 4-1 week

By DARREN A. DeVOUE
Sport Editor



The baseball team at MU had a solid week going 4-1 this week, including their past four in a row. The team started off their latest stretch by losing 10-9 to Ithaca. The Mounties subsequently rang off their four consecutive wins in doubleheaders against Lock Haven and St. John Fisher.

Against Ithaca, the Mounties found themselves on the short side of the scoreboard in the early going. In the majority of their wins this season, the Mounties have allowed opponents to get off to big leads. This loss was somewhat different. Ithaca held a 6-5 lead over the Mounties after five innings. Two home runs from the Bombers would change that, as Ithaca used the homers to go up 10-5. The Mounties have displayed an ability to get themselves back into games, by firing off clutch hits,

and did it again versus Ithaca. MU got a homerun from Matt Edwards, who was 4-4 on the day, and the comeback was on. MU got to within 10-9, but the Bombers were able to close off the MU rally and seal the win for themselves with the final, 10-9.

Losses usually fire up the Mounties and the defeat at the hands of Ithaca sent MU into a furor. Mansfield defeated Lock Haven, 5-2 in the first game of the doubleheader against the rival Bald Eagles. Shawn Wettig went the distance on the mound earning the win, while scattering six hits. Wettig stifled an opponent rally when he retired the last 11 LHU batters to step up to the plate.

The Mounties appear to like the return of the aluminum bats. Their offense sometimes resembles The Big Red Machine. MU had

three hitters go 2-3 in the first game against Lock Haven. Scott Costa, Chad Swogger, and Edwards all enjoyed a .666 batting.

R.J. Lee continued to display his power by hitting a homer in both games against Lock Haven. Lee has six bombs on the season.

The second game was called after five innings with the Mounties ahead, 6-1. The delays did not bother Greg Martin who earned the win while he only surrendered four hits in his five innings of service. The offensive story for MU was Lee's second homer and LHU's bad glove work. The Bald Eagles committed two errors that lead to three MU runs.

After doing the deed to Lock Haven, the Mounties hit the road to take on St. John Fisher. MU jumped on Fisher

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Photo provided
R.J. Lee was en fuego this week, hitting three homeruns in five games.

Sofball drops doubleheader to Lock Haven, other game cancelled

By NICOLE CORTESE
Flashlight Writer

The sweet smell of victory is finally becoming the Mansfield University Softball Team's best friend as they aced the competition in North Carolina over spring break, and swept two of their four games at the University of Charleston, West Virginia Tournament.

The victory train has put Mansfield in the rankings early in the season. The ladies are now ranked fifth in the Division II Mid-Atlantic Region with their 8-2 start. The 2000 Mountaineers are making history, as

they are the first Mountaineers softball team to ever rank in the polls.

The Mountaineers are starting fires everywhere. They are nothing less than perfection as they start the season with Sarah Betke on top with a .500 batting average. Megan Williams is biting at Betke heels with an average .367, and her wheels have given her eight stolen bases. Renee Grinnell is batting all around as she carries a .360 average and hits every base on her way home with two doubles, three triples and a home run. The windup of Kelly Morris is seating batters before they get to the plate and firing up this

Mansfield pride. The backbone on the hill is 5-2 with a 1.99 ERA and 35 strikeouts in 31 2/3 innings.

After the hard work and determination the Mountaineers put forth in Carolina and West Virginia they start off the opener to Lock Haven, dropping the doubleheader.

The opener was a battle as the Mounties and the Bald Eagles were tied 1-1 after the seventh inning of competition. Special rules finished out the rest of the gut wrenching 11 innings. The special rules brought each inning a runner leading out on second base.

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Gwen Shade and MU Softball will start conference play this week.

The fastest team on campus

MU track begins its outdoor season

By DARREN A. DeVOUE
Sports Editor

It's almost Spring, and that means it is time for the most specialized athletes on the campus of Mansfield University to pick up its poles, javelins, batons, etc., and take the field. The Mansfield University Track and Field Team began its season with a strong finish at the Susquehanna University Invitational, and will likely build upon that success throughout

the season.

During December and through March, the team competed in indoor events. The team's accomplishments during indoor season speak volumes about its desire level; Mansfield does not have an indoor track for the team to practice on.

For the men's team, junior Kyle Kitner, who is a pole

vaulter, broke the school indoor record in said event with a jump of 14'7". Kitner bested the old record (Eric Smith, 13'7") by one foot. Kitner placed fourth at the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) meet earlier this month.

Ryan Manning, will lead the throwers. Manning was a key contributor, and an ECAC qualifier in the weight throws.

The weight is similar to the outdoor hammer. Manning will throw the discus shot put and javelin this Spring for MU. Manning is somewhat of an assistant coach. He generally runs the workouts for throwers, both male and female. Mansfield is short on throwers, so Manning and his fellow throwers must have a

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Senior, Kim Carman will likely close out her stellar career in style.

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Reaching for the higher ground

A MU athlete profile of track and field star, Lamar Crawford

By NICOLE CORTESE
Flashlight Writer

Football, Baseball, Field Hockey, Softball, Basketball, Track...what? Track! •Yes, that's right, Mansfield University has a track team and some kid from North Philadelphia is here to change the way Mansfield University students look at track. Lamar Crawford is just one of the dedicated students to the Mansfield track team.

Crawford is a senior here at Mansfield University. He is originally from North Philadelphia, where he attended Dobbins High School. At Dobbins, Lamar was a member of the track team where he made is mark at the 110 hurdles, long jump, and the 4 by 100 relay. Crawford received the honor of Most Valuable Player (MVP) while running track for Dobbins and was honored with the All-Public Award in the hurdles event.

As Crawford made his journey from Philadelphia to Mansfield, a culture shock was not the only thing he walked into. He learned that track is filled with a handfull of skill he never learned about while performing track in high school.

"In high school all I did was watch tapes of other schools track teams and members and try to copy what they did, but when I came to Mansfield, coach taught me alot of techniques I needed to know. I own all of my improvements and achievements to him for teaching me the right technique," explained Crawford.

The technique that Coach Jim Taylor has taught to Lamar and the other track members is paying off with the recent results from this past Saturday's track event at the Susquehanna University Invitational, which was hosted at Bucknell University. Crawford's skills and techniques shined as he placed in four events. His long legs and heart leaped 22'03.75 to conquer the long jump in a very competitive meet with Division I Bucknell in the field. He also placed fourth in the high jump, fifth in the triple jump, and 10th in the 110-meter high hurdles. Crawford has displayed his abilities as a high, long, and triple jumper as well as his achievements in the hurdles and the 4 by 100 relay. It is probably safe to say that Lamar Crawford is what you would call a

"Utility Man." He is capable of almost anything, and he gives that credit to track at Mansfield and the coach.

For an athlete, every semester is just preparation for the next semester. For Crawford, however, last semester was just another day in...Russia! Crawford was part of Russian population last semester when he went to study abroad as part of the program with Mansfield University. He enjoyed learning a new culture and said the people were extremely nice.

He had no excuses to be out of shape when he returned this semester for the indoor track season, except that, "it was too cold to practice outside." Crawford exclaimed, Russia was so cold and the only place he could run was in the hallways or stairs, because the only people allowed in the gym was the Basketball Team."

Despite the bitter cold weather, Lamar said, "I would love to go there (Russia) again, but I need to graduate on time and I want to be able to show my little sister around, she will be attending Mansfield in the fall." You know what that means, big brother mode, so guys keep off.

Crawford never once forgot about the other members of the track team, as he praised them highly. He stated that he would like to see more individuals coming out for field events, such as jumping, throwing shot put or javelin.

"A lot of our sprinters or distance runners are being used for field events and they all compete very well," described Crawford. Ryan Manning and Sharon Krouse are two for throwing, while next to Lamar on the jump-



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Lamar Crawford displays the form that has made him one of the top jumpers in Mansfield history.

ing line are Travis Boyer and Kyle Kintner.

Crawford said, "If there is one thing I would like for the MU track team, it would have to be a PSAC Championship. Crawford wishes nothing but the best for the track team and all of its members. Crawford and the track team have gotten the ball rolling and seem to be on their way to that team goal Crawford explained.

Like every athlete Crawford has goals of his own. He said, "I want All-Conference in all five events and if I work hard I can do it." He is climbing fast to that goal, for as a sophomore he finished second All-Conference in the

110-hurdles, almost beating IUP's ranked Brinkley, and his worst event happened to turn out for the better as he received the second place trophy at the 1998 Outdoor Championship for his triple jump. He also keeps hopes ahead for the nationals late in May, if he could get his long jump to 23ft., which is not far off from his best long jump of 22'9. If he can maintain these goals, he is on the road to his final goal before leaving Mansfield University and that is "to become the first track member to achieve the Athlete of the Season Award."

Crawford said, "I have been told a track member cannot achieve this, but I want to prove everyone wrong."

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on the patiently going up 7-0 after four innings. Fisher looked as though they might have a rally in their back pocket, by scoring two runs in the bottom of the sixth. MU took the air out of the Fisher comeback balloon, by scoring three insurance runs in the top of the seventh. Mike Brown earned his first victory of the season, while Mark Bell earned the save.

The second game of

the doubleheader against Fisher was almost identical to the first. The Mounties went up 8-1 after five innings, and that was all she wrote. Lee hit another home run in the nightcap while Costa enjoyed another solid game of batting going 3-4.

This Wednesday, the big stretch starts for MU as they take on West Chester at the Golden Rams homefield in West Chester, PA. Now Mansfield will have a chance to reclaim the PSAC. The game will be the first conference meeting for both teams

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The both teams took advantage of the special rules in the ninth inning, each scoring a run. As the game narrowed down to the bottom of the 11th, Lock Haven would capitalize on a Stacie Miller double. This would bring in the winning run across the plate making the final 3-2 in NCAA Division II softball action.

Kelly Morris went

the whole way on the hill for the Mountaineers scattering six hits and fanning nine. Jessica Ricker had a RBI double scoring Rosie Pagana.

In the nightcap, it was nothing but errors that sealed the Mounties fate, falling 5-2. Four errors are what drove the Mounties to defeat in the second game. Pitcher Angi Crater went the distance on the mound, allowing only five hits from Lock Haven and showing four back to the bench.

Ricker once again forced runs in with a RBI and a double, while power-hitter Kim Swarts and Sarah Betke each tripled.

Although the Mountaineers fell to Lock Haven in the opener, they look to regain the momentum and get back into the W column as they travel to SUNY Binghamton Tuesday for a doubleheader starting at 2:30 p.m. The Mountaineers will host their home opener of the 2000 season Saturday April 1, against West Chester University.

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strong season.

The sprinter corps for the me will be intriguing. Lee Brannon will run for MU this season after a strong indoor season. In his first race, Brannon qualified for the ECAC meet and came within three-hundredths of a second short of the school record in the 55 meter dash. Brannon stumbled out of the blocks in that race.

Lamar Crawford is arguably one of the best jumpers in school history. He enjoyed a strong indoor season, despite not competing in the Fall. Last Fall, Crawford was an exchange student in Russia. Last week at the Susquehanna Invitational, he placed fifth in the triple jump, fourth in the high jump, and won the long jump with a leap of 22'4". Crawford holds five indoor records, so the junior is itching for outdoor competition.

For the women's

team, senior, Kim Carman, broke her own school record (7'6") in the pole this past indoor season with a vault of 7'10". In last season's Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference championship meet, Carman placed seventh in the heptahalon, and the pole vault. Carman and junior, Kelly Maines should supply MU with points in the heptahalon. Both Maines and Carman broke the latter's school record in the pentahalon (the indoor version of the heptahalon) at the ECAC meet, with Maines taking the record. Carman is poised for a big season in her final stretch of competition.

In distance, the women will turn to junior Kristen Clark, who according to head coach Jim Taylor, "... pretty much runs the distance workouts." Taylor's confidence in Clark's ability to lead her fellow distance is a testament to her as a runner. Clark will be expected to do what she did last season, and that is consistently place in the 5,000 and 10,000 meter events. Clark is also a

former Presidential/PSAC Scholar Athlete.

Throwers for the ladies team will include Karen Krouse, Colleen Krysiak, and Brandy Lingenfelter. Lingenfelter is a two-sport athlete, who lettered in basketball this past season. Lingenfelter would have thrown last year, but a knee injury hindered those plans. She appears to be adjusting to college throwing. She placed seventh at the Susquehanna Invitational. Krouse is the owner of the school record in the 20 pound weight. "Last season, we didn't even have one," said Taylor. "So we usually borrowed one from a school at the meet. This year, someone donated one to the program, and Karen just threw it out there."

Jennifer Nichols is another competitor Taylor is excited about. "She's someone who is going to help us out by bringing points in different events," said Taylor. Nichols is commonly described by Taylor and Women's Basketball coach,

Ruth Henderson, as "...an athlete."

Nichols will participate in the discus, javelin, hurdles, and the long and triple jumps.

Freshman, Alicia Davinsizer's availability is in question due to a knee injury. Davinsizer's return will aid MU. She tantalized MU track fans when she tied the indoor school record in the high jump (5'2") in her first meet. "Hopefully she will be back as soon as possible," lamented Taylor.

This season, the NCAA has instituted a rule that will only allow two competitors from each school to be counted for scoring. That will work in MU's favor since they have a diverse team in terms of people contributing in different events. Another assist for Taylor's team is

their dedication. "We are really blessed to have a lot of hardworking people who do workouts on their own," Taylor proudly spoke of his team. "They work hard on the field and in the classroom and I am proud of them."



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Travis Boyers, and the MU vaulters will play a key role in the season.

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College Basketball's quintessential quartet

The Final Four preview

By DARREN A. DeVOUE
Sports Editor

In Indianapolis, Ind. this Saturday, four teams will square off for one title, as the first Final Four of the century tips off. This year's remaining foursome bring noticeably different styles of play to Indianapolis, which provides college basketball fans the opportunity to see different types of games. Wisconsin (22-13) will square off against familiar foe Michigan State (30-7), in the first semifinal game. The second game will see traditional power North Carolina (22-13) take on upstart Florida (28-7). Here's is a matchup preview for this weekend's momentous event.

Wisconsin vs. Michigan State:

This will be one of those games that will probably make you walk funny when it is over. Both teams play the essential elements of basketball, defense and rebounding, with unparalleled fervor. For the fourth time this season, Michigan State will square off against the Badgers of Wisconsin; both teams are from the Big 10 Conference. Michigan State won all three meetings.

As the only top-seeded team still alive, the Spartans have rallied from halftime deficits in its Midwest Regional victories over Syracuse (14 points), and Iowa State (seven points). This team has the experience from last year's national semifinal loss to Duke, and possesses a veteran lineup that is athletic and solid. The Spartans outscored Syracuse and Iowa State by a combined 40-5 margin in the last 5.5 minutes of those two games. To beat this team, its opponent truly has to be the last team standing. Mateen Cleaves and Morris Peterson, State's dynamic senior duo, have been outstanding in the tournament. Peterson and Cleaves are shooting a combined 59 percent from three-point range, and are averaging a combined 30 points a game for their squad. According to an ESPN report, Peterson suffered the loss of his grandmother this week, and will miss practice for the Thursday funeral. Do not be surprised if the high-scoring senior comes out Saturday with both barrels blazing. Although Peterson and Cleaves are the centerpiece, they are not the whole arrangement for MSU. Forward, Andre Hutson, and center, A.J. Granger, are shooting a combined 65 percent in the NCAA's, and are the two leading rebounders on a State squad that crashes the boards relentlessly.

Wisconsin has the distinction of being deemed "Cinderella" for this year's Final Four. Geronimo, would probably better describe the Badgers. After the second loss to the Spartans on February 19, the Badgers stood at 13-12, and were

watching their tournament hopes go up, up, and away. Since then, Wisconsin put together a 9-1 record, and snuck into the tournament as a number eight seed. That only loss in the 9-1 stretch was to Michigan State. The Badgers' main man in the tournament has been senior guard, Jon Bryant, who was named the West Regional MVP. Bryant's game underwent a revelation before the tournament. In the regular season, he scored 7.1 points a game compared to his 16.8 points per game tourney average. Bryant's scoring increase has been huge for a Wisconsin team that usually has trouble manufacturing points. Wisconsin's main staple is their defense. Led by possibly the best defensive guard in the country, Mike Kelly, the Badgers get after opponents, and pound the boards. Each one of the Badgers tournament victories saw their opponent score season-lows in points.

The closest meeting between the two teams came in that February game, when the Spartans squeezed out a five point win (59, 54) at home. In that game, the Badgers held Michigan State to 34 percent shooting, and became the first team to outrebound State this season (Iowa State did the same in their loss to MSU). Wisconsin usually has a difficult time with Peterson, but so do most teams. Expect this game to be an ugly affair fea-

turing lots of defensive plays. The Badgers will need Bryant to continue his hot shooting, and possibly someone else to step up. Aside from rebounding, turnovers will play a part in this game. If Wisconsin can keep forcing turnovers out of the Spartans, they have a chance. MSU are 8.5 point favorites over Wisconsin.

North Carolina vs. Florida:

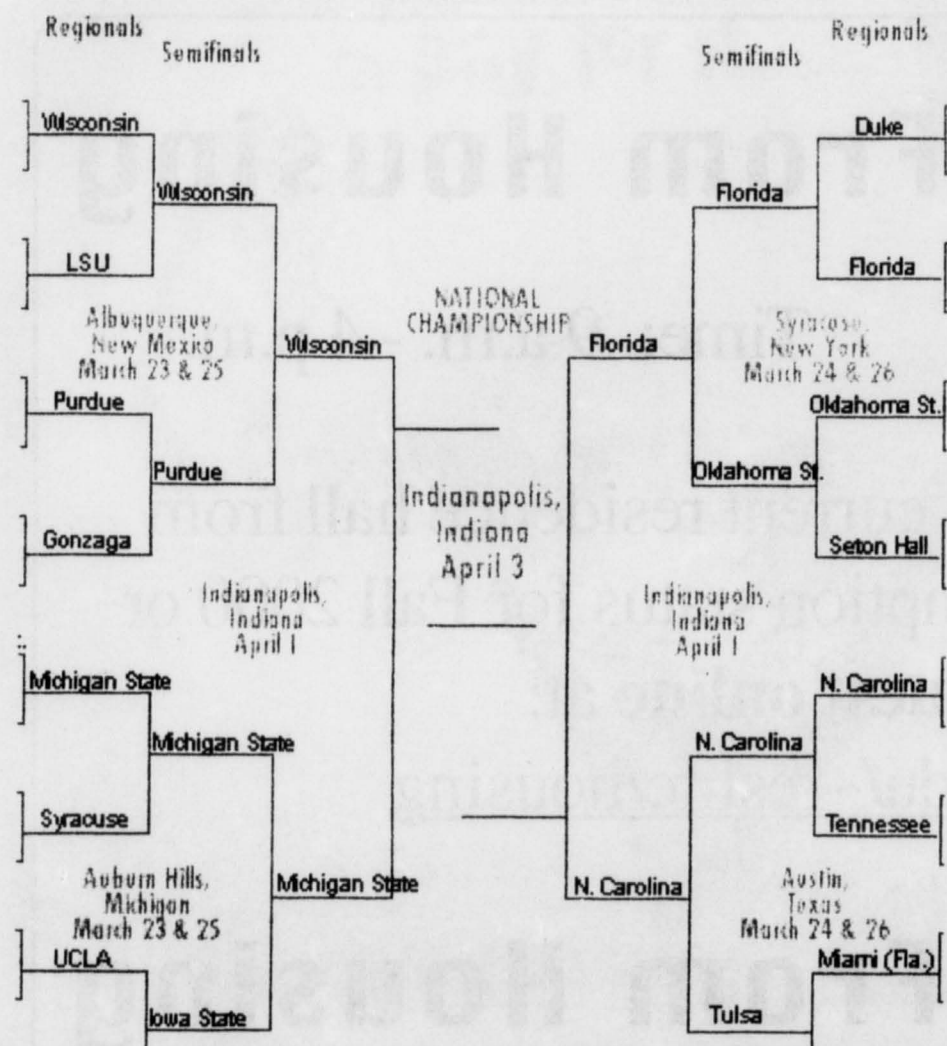
The Florida Gators survived the first round of the tournament by the skin of their teeth after an overtime victory over Butler. Since then the Gators started getting after opponents. Their next three victories came against higher seeded teams in fourth-seeded Illinois, top-seeded Duke, and number three Oklahoma State, by an average of 12.6 points. The Gators are too young and inexperienced to realize that they are too young and inexperienced to be in the Final Four. The Gators do not have a senior in their starting lineup. They are led by smooth playing forward, Mike Miller, who has been steady in the tournament putting up double-figures in each tournament game. Florida goes 10 deep which allows them to play the running and pressing style of play they so enjoy. The Gators have appeared to wear down their last three opponents, and their style of play and their depth have allowed them to do so.

What a roller coaster season it has been for North Carolina. In the early part of the season, the Tar Heels were number two in the nation. By the time the regular season

came to a conclusion, UNC was out of the Top 25 for the first time in more than a decade, and critics were calling for head coach, Bill Guthridge, to be fired. To top it off, Carolina lost to Wake Forest in the first-round of the ACC tournament, and Guthridge's mother passed away right before the NCAA tournament. Since then the Tar Heels have put it together. Center Brendan Haywood, who had played soft and clumsy inside for most of his career, became a tough inside presence for his team. Freshman guard, Joseph Forte (South Region MVP), elevated his game to superstar status, and Guthridge has made the right calls. This will be Carolina's third trip in four years to the Final Four.

If Carolina hopes to keep their thrill-ride going, they will have to overcome Florida's pressure, which means that senior guard, Ed Cota, must be big. Cota will need to overcome the press and find passing lanes to Haywood inside. Carolina must stay out of foul trouble, because they do not go as deep as their opponent. Haywood, must have a huge game inside, and his teammates must defend the perimeter well, if the Tar Heels are to overcome the Gators. Florida is a five-point favorite over Carolina.

See next week's Flashlight for NCAA tournament wrap-up



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Gen. Ed. Model 2000 OK'd

By AMBER LINDQUIST
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University Senate Thursday adopted Model 2000 from four choices of general education models for the university.

The "Model 2000" proposes a First Year Studies program that would be run on a pilot which would be evaluated in two years and then

evaluated. The three credit block of Health/Physical education would be broadened to a wellness requirement. The model keeps the existing "blocks" of Humanities, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Social Studies and a Professional Elective. It would add a block of Languages and Literature which would include En-

glish and Foreign Language coursework.

Four proposals had previously been written and reviewed by all members. All who worked on proposals were thanked for their time and careful consideration.

Dr. Robert Timko encouraged all voters to vote for the appropriate reasons and not based on personal vendettas.

Paper ballots were distributed. It was determined 19 would represent the majority.

Improved Model 2000 won with 19 votes while Individualized had 10 and both the Classic and Hybrid models each had two votes. One empty ballot was also collected.

University President John Halstead thanked the Sen-

ate and stated that the events that just occurred reaffirms his faith in the procedures of the Senate and that he will appoint a committee this week to get the new proposal set into motion.

Anyone interested in the new proposal can find it on the Mansfield University website on the uepartments page under University Senate.

Hall Council hosts annual Block Party

By VALERIE THOMAS
Flashlight Writer

Looking for something to do this weekend? There is block party this weekend being sponsored by the Residence Hall Council. Many of you may be asking yourself, "what this block party is all about." On Saturday, ten organizations will be participating in the block party. There will be different booths of things do such as candle making, face painting and you could even make your own t-shirt.

The past two

block parties were held outdoors, yet this year the weather is calling for rain. If the weather does not cooperate, the event will be moved inside the Kelchner fitness center. There might even be a volleyball court with sand put in it for us to use and also a huge moon bounce. There will also be rides, a mini motion simulator and other rides for us to take advantage of. The rides will cost approximately fifty cents each. Anyone who wishes to attend and go on the rides should bring six to ten dol-

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Chorus sings 'Requiem'

The MU Festival Chorus, under the direction of Peggy Dettwiler, will present "Requiem" by Amadeus Mozart on Saturday, April 8, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 9, at 3 p.m. in Steadman Theatre.

The concerts will be dedicated to the memory of Edward Brown, Professor of Theory and Piano at Mansfield from 1971 to 1998, and will feature Jennifer

Schmid, soprano; Fran Shumway, mezzo-soprano; William Cutter, tenor, and Thomas Jones, bass. A large orchestra of student and professional players will accompany the soloists and chorus.

The Festival Chorus comprises more than 100 singers, including MU faculty, students and staff, and members of the surrounding communi-

ties.

Mozart's "Requiem," the composer's last and unfinished work, is known to the general public in the version undertaken immediately after Mozart's death by his pupil, Franz Xaver Süssmayr. Musicians have studied the work for many years, speculating on the parts that

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650 freshmen estimated for fall

By CATHY WARNER
Flashlight Writer

An estimated 650 freshmen are anticipated for the Fall of 2000. There is enough room in the residence halls for the incoming freshmen, so it will not pose a problem. Last year, there were 614 new freshmen, according to Mr. Brian Barden, Interim Director of Admissions. So they are trying to raise the number of incoming freshman this coming semester.

To attract students to

MU it starts with admissions and housing. A major part of attracting new students is campus visitation. Visitation is held in the fall and the spring semesters to allow interested students to get a "feel" for the campus before they make their decision. Also, a new student guide is sent out to all interested students who want to or are thinking about coming to Mansfield. The guide tells the students what to expect in coming to MU. Carmen Bianco, Associate Director of Housing, tries to attract students to our dormito-

ries based on the uniqueness of each residents hall, community development, and they answer questions about the campus itself. At orientation, the students are told "how to be successful in and out of the classroom," Carmen Bianco said.

All students are required to attend a two-day orientation during the summer. Mike LeMasters, Director of Residence Life, tries to answer questions on how to adjust to MU, the programs offered, introduce certain people on campus, certain topics, procedures and policies, preference scheduling, you pick a roommate,

and you get your housing assignment on the second day of orientation. The "O"-team helps students out by answering questions, putting on programs, and giving tours of our campus. There are social activities in place that give students a chance to get to know other students before the academic year starts. The orientation targets and answers questions for the parents of incoming students as well.

The Financial aid office also helps attract students to Mansfield. Financial aid has online workshops and Chris

Vaughn, Financial Aid, travels to regional locations trying to answer questions about financial aid. This is generally to help out the parents and give them an idea on how they can afford to send their children to college. Vaughn mainly prepares students and parents for when their first college bill is received. Also students receive "Award Letters" from the financial aid office. This puts options in "black and white". Vaughn also sets up different payment plans, so it can be made easier to pay for college tuition.

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IFC elects new leaders Fling in full swing

By CARL D. MADONNA
Flashlight Writer

The Inter Fraternity Council recently held elections to appoint new leaders for the next year.

Justin May, Phi Kappa Sigma, will serve as President next semester. A Sigma Tau Gamma member will be serving as vice president. Phi Mu Delta and Lambda Chi Alpha representatives will fill the seats of treasurer and secretary.

Lambda Chi Alpha received back their recogni-

tion on Monday after a year-long hiatus. "I believe that the attitudes of Greeks are good but misunderstood from cultural stereotypes passed on from frat to sororities," said Anthony Snare, current president of the IFC. "I think that once people actually take a look at what we are doing and what we are promoting, opinions will change," Snare went on to say.

With the semester rapidly drawing to a close, the IFC does not have any other important business to tend to.

The next event on the

Greek's agenda is Greek Week. The week kicks off with a Beauty and the Beast Belch contest at 3:30 p.m., April 9 in South Hall Mall. Other events include a keg toss, egg toss, sack race, three legged race, tug of war, pyramid, dizzy bat, water polo, car pushes and volleyball just to name a few.

"Our goal is to get the campus and community involved with Greek Week," Snare said.

Check around campus for more information about Greek Week or contact Anthony Snare at 662-7075.

By KIMBERLY SAPONE

Editor-In-Chief

Plans for Spring Fling 2000 are in full swing. The event takes place from 3 to 11 p.m. on Friday, April 28, in South Hall Mall. Rain location is in Decker Gymnasium.

The list of volunteers for the Pie In The Face contest now include President John Halstead, Student Activities Director Clarence Crisp and Julie McIntyre from the Admissions Office; among others. Proceeds from the event are being donated to a Mansfield University student who is in need of a sight dog. Cost is \$1 per pie. Administration, faculty and staff are still being urged to sign up for the contest by calling The Flashlight at x4986.

Shades Apart, the headliners for Spring Fling 2000 is expected to take the stage at 8 p.m. The band has been featured on the "American

Pie" soundtrack, and have opened for such bands as MXPX and Lit.

Two other bands will also be performing at Spring Fling. The Trinidad Steel Drum Band performs at 3 p.m., and Loni Gamble and Sound Cheque takes the stage at 4:30 p.m.

Amy Farley, representing Mansfield Activities Council and the Student Activities Office on the Spring Fling planning board, is excited about this year's event.

"I think it's going to be a lot of fun," Farley said. "I hope everyone comes out to support it."

Spring Fling 2000 is sponsored by WNTE-FM, The Flashlight, the Student Activities Office, Mansfield Activities Council, AraMark, the Pepsi Cola company and Topps.

Stay tuned to the Flashlight and WNTE-FM, Giant 89.5, for the latest Spring Fling 2000 information.

Ulrich's site voted most popular

By CARL D. MADONNA
Flashlight News Editor

"I've had people from around the world e-mail me with positive feedback about the site," said Dr. John Ulrich. Ulrich's website was noted by Lycos, Internet provider, as the most popular site dealing with Czech Literature.

The site was originally created for his students in the spring semester of 1999.

Yet Ulrich has continued

to maintain and update his page after classes end. "It's been real fun getting to speak with people from Australia and the Czech Republic," Ulrich said. "It's a chance to gather more information from the people who live in the area that I am studying."

Ulrich was also recognized by Hotbot, search engine, as having the top site dealing with Czech Literature and they ranked his Beat Generation page as the tenth

best site devoted to that particular topic.

Ulrich stated that two trips to the Czech Republic in 1995, and once again in '97 inspired him to create his pages. Ulrich stated that oppression, restriction and limited freedom to the Czech's people drove him the most.

"The beauty of the city of Prague really attracted me," Ulrich said. Ulrich's site also provides links to other pages that pertain to the history and politics of the Czech Republic.

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SSHE approves funding for further development

By JESSICA SHERIDAN

Flashlight Writer

"The State system of Higher Education is the largest provider of higher education in the Commonwealth," according to the office of the chancellor. It consists of fourteen Universities, Mansfield

being one of them.

The State System of Higher Education has approved requests for funding to eight out of the fourteen state system schools. The universities asked for funding in the following areas; biotechnology, information technology, software engineering and online multi

media and web design.

Bloomsburg's proposal for \$250,000 was accepted by the state system of higher education. East Stroudsburg has also asked for money in the amount of \$250,000 to develop new programs in biotechnology.

Lock Haven University is planning on developing a program in online multimedia and graphic/web design specialization and they are asking the board for \$37,292.

The following universities are also seeking funding from the State Sys-

tem; Indiana, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock, Clarion and West Chester. Three other universities also asked for funding by the state system but were asked to refine and resubmit their proposals. The Universities will seek formal approval of the board of higher education at its April meeting.

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Wal-Mart becomes multiplex

Company doubles facilities along with workforce

By DANIEL AMIDON
Flashlight Writer

The parking lot of Wal-Mart has held a strange mixture of construction vehicles since October. Lights have been on around the clock.

The store has been growing to eventually become a supercenter. Previously it had been 72,000 square feet, but the new addition will more than double that.

Improvements being made include building a full

service grocery with both a bakery and deli. Virtually every former department of Wal-Mart has also aquired more space for a larger inventory. The store will begin staying open 24 hours a day as well.

According to manager

Mike Judd, "Construction is on schedule, and the grand opening will be in the later part of August. There will be \$110,000 worth of promotions and prizes related to the opening."

This project has already created 60 new positions

for the community. Judd asserts that when it is through, the enlargement will provide a total of 130-140 new jobs ranging from full to part-time with "positions opening as the store needs them." "Wal-Mart will have better overall service to the community," states Judd.

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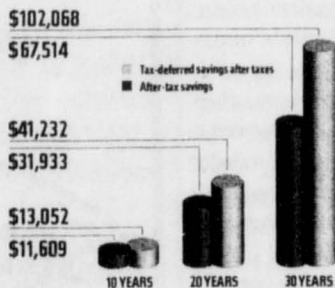
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"Gas-out" planned for this weekend

By VALARIE THOMAS
Flashlight Writer

Former President Gerald R. Ford spoke of the current problem of oil prices during his visit to Mansfield University. We as citizens have seen the rise in prices within the past few months. So this weekend will be recognized as a "Gas-Out."

This means that all over the nation we as the spending consumers should not purchase gas. They are hoping with this action the manufacturers will reconize that this price range is a little bit to steep for the average citizen.

The logic to this action would be to avoid purchasing gasoline all weekend and force the price of crude oil to drop. So all over the nation people are encouraging everyone to please refrain from purchasing gas this weekend. Walk, run, or use any other form of transportation to get around.

Requiem

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came from Mozart's pen and those that may have not. Robert Levin, a musician and historian from Harvard University who has deeply immersed himself in Mozart's music, completed the version the chorus will perform.

Dettwiler studied the work at the Oregon Bach Festival last summer under Helmut Rilling, renowned conductor

from Germany, with Robert Levin at his side, in a masterclass of 14 professional conductors from six countries around the world. During the two-week festival, she conducted excerpts of the "Requiem" in two concert performances.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and senior citizens and \$3 for students and children. All proceeds will benefit the Edward Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund. For information call x4761.

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lars according to Mary Eggleston, ADRL of Laurel.

The menu will consist of sausage and pepper sandwiches, cheese steaks and even boardwalk fries. The booths are going to be set up like a fair would be set up. Cotton candy and funnel cakes will also be available.

The block party is not just for the students, it is for the whole community. "Faculty are encouraged to

bring their whole family, especially the little ones who will enjoy this party immensely," said Eggleston.

Due to the block party, there will be no parking along Clinton Street from College Place to Morris Drive beginning midnight, Friday April 7. Anyone parking their vehicle in that location will be asked to move it. The police station thanks you for your cooperation. Hopefully everyone will be able to attend this block party and enjoy what the Eggleston has planned.

Spencer Road bridge being replaced

By DANIEL W. AMIDON

Flashlight Writer

For many individuals in Mansfield, students as well as locals, this summer will mark the last chance for a unique type of water recreation. The Spencer road bridge crossing the Tioga River is currently being replaced. For many years swimmers have jumped off the bridge into the river from a height of 14 feet. Some more daring recreationists have even climbed onto the bridge's network of steel trusses to reach heights of 25 feet or more above the water. The pool of water under the bridge ranges from six to ten feet deep and draws many swimmers during the warmer months of the year.

The existing bridge was constructed in 1896 and has

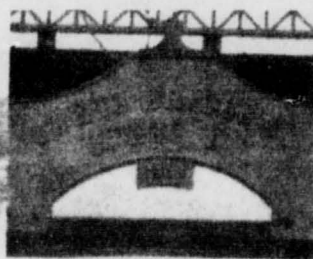


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The bridge that crosses the Tioga River on Spencer Road will be replaced by the start of next semester.

stood tall for over a hundred years. However, due to width and weight capacity limitations, this landmark must be replaced.

Due to that fact, Upon This Rock Construction Inc., of Mercer, PA is currently erecting the new bridge in conjunction with Penn



Daniel W. Amidon/FLASHLIGHT
The bridge was originally built in 1896 by the Owego Bridge company.

DOT. The project, which includes building the new bridge and removing the old one, is costing \$1,146,000 total and will be completed by September 10. Rick Mason, building engineer of Penn DOT district 30, says, "The new bridge will be able to accommodate all weight classes of vehicles and

will no longer be only one lane."

Spencer road, which is the first right turn after Wal-Mart when traveling south on route 15, is now closed. This road is commonly used by Mansfield Students for taking drives through the country and is detoured. The detour is to take Route 6 to Brooklyn road which eventually meets Spencer. Josh Blaszczyk, a Mansfield University student who uses both the bridge for jumping and Spencer road for country drives says, "I have had many good times jumping off that bridge and will miss it, but it is over a century old. The detour takes a little longer but doesn't really bother me because Brooklyn road has just as good scenery."

P. R. team hosts bake off for disabled children

By BREE FLAMMINI

Flashlight Writer

A No Horsin' Around Baking Contest will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 8 at the Wellsboro High School planned by a team of five Mansfield University public relations students.

Pamela Beaver, Bree Flammini, Jessica Nard, Leah Phillips, and Jessica Pierson are students enrolled in Public Relations Workshop, the capstone course in the public relations curriculum, in which students plan and implement an actual campaign and special event.

For the course, these students have selected the Coudersport chapter of Personal Ponies Limited, Inc., a non-profit organization that offers Equine Assisted Therapy, or riding therapy, to disabled children in the area. According to Judy Brown, the branch's director, Equine Assisted Therapy helps disabled children increase their self-esteem and motor skills coordination. Serving a 50-mile radius, the Coudersport chapter has helped more than 20 area families see what Brown has called the amazing benefits that result from offering riding lessons to disabled children on gentle Shetland Ponies at the ranch. Personal Ponies also donates these Shetland Ponies to the families of special needs children at no charge so they can see the benefits of Equine Assisted Therapy every day.

The special event planned is a baking contest open to area restaurant chefs and residents. Entry fees for restaurant chefs are \$10

each. Entry fees for individuals are \$3 for the first entry and \$2 for each additional entry. All proceeds from the event will be used to buy feed, hay, straw, blankets and other items of necessity for the Shetland Ponies. All contestants are expected to give their entries western themed titles such as "Rodeo Cookies" or "Bucking Bronco Brownies." Entry forms can be picked up on site at the Wellsboro High School.

Participants' entries will be judged by three regional residents with expertise in the culinary arts. Entries will be divided into categories for restaurant chefs and community residents. A top prize will be awarded for the best restaurant submission. Residents' entries will be divided into four categories and first place ribbons will be awarded for the best pie, cookies, cake, and bread.

Entries can be dropped off any time between 11 a.m. and 12 noon. All entries must be received by noon on Saturday, April 8. Judging will begin at noon and contestants' entries will be judged on the taste quality of the food, the originality of the title, and the way the food is presented and assembled.

Winners will be announced at 1 p.m. Prizes for win-



Pamela Beaver, Jessica Nard, Danielle Brown, Judy Brown, Jessica Pierson and Bree Flammini are organizing this year's bake off.

ning entries as well as several door prizes donated by Sears in Elmira, Country Ski and Sport, Dunham's Department Store, J & L Motor Sports, The Cellar Door, and National Video in Wellsboro, Monro Muffler, Pizza Hut, The Wooden Peg and Wendy's in Mansfield, and Fox's Pizza and Rennie-Hausen Outfitters in Coudersport will also be distributed at this time.

The Pennsylvania chapter of Personal Ponies is located in Coudersport, PA, and was founded by Judy Brown in October 1999. Brown has 14 Shetland Ponies of four different breeds, and expects two more to arrive shortly from Ne-

braska. Her ranch also has one horse that is of normal size. So far, the Coudersport branch of Personal Ponies has placed four Shetland Ponies with the fami-

lies of special needs children at no charge and it offers riding therapy to dozens of other special needs children at the ranch.

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Rep. Cohen is off-base

Editorial
By **R.J. CORBY**
The Keystone
(Kutztown U.)

When one goes to the dictionary to look up the word stereotype to get the definition "An unvarying form or pattern; specifically a fixed or conventional notion or conception, as of a person, group, idea, etc., held by a number of people, and allowing for no individually, critical judgement, etc.," one also finds a picture of State House Representative Lita Cohen.

Recently, at an appropriation meeting on the state house floor, the "Honorable" Republican from the 148th district in suburban Philadelphia uttered some appalling and despicable stereotypes about the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education and its alumni. Upset at the graduation rates of State students, Cohen had this to say while addressing State System Chancellor James H. McCormick: "These students [in the State System] are going to school on taxpayer dollars; many, many with PHEAA [Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency] dollars, which is in addition to what the state taxpayers are giving to the schools and System directly. Yet, at best, after six years, you have a 56 percent graduation rate."

Cohen continued: "Coupled with the fact that many of us speak on a regular basis to business people, not only in our districts, but across the state, and what they're saying to us is that they're getting job applicants, and sometimes, in this economy, they have to hire people who are graduates that [graduate from] the State System, be it four, five, six or 100 years after graduating and they have to retrain them, that they can't write simple sentences, that they simply are not prepared, not just to go out into the business world, but to get a job in any type of industry or profession. Your graduates aren't fit for any type of job."

What this boor was partially upset about is the overall graduation rate of the State System. "With all due respect... I think that 56 percent, at best, even after six years, is disgraceful," said Cohen. Fifty-six percent is wholly inadequate, but perhaps Cohen, with her snobby Ivy League University of Pennsylvania education, has forgotten to do a little homework.

For starters, Pennsylvania's State System is in the bottom five in the country in state funding, yet tuition to attend a school in our State System is

among the five highest in the country. You don't have to be a Penn graduate to figure out that correlation.

Secondly, there is a cap to the amount of funds that you can receive from PHEAA, the agency that distributes state grants to financially needy students of higher education in Pennsylvania. This year, the maximum amount is \$3,100, and students can only receive state grants from PHEAA for eight semesters, so Cohen's wind-blown rhetoric about being upset at six-year graduations and PHEAA dollars holds no water.

Furthermore, PHEAA's cumulative increase in funding since 1983-84 to 1998-99 was 223.41%. This increase, while supporting many college students, is a further indication of how our state doesn't give a damn about the State System. These whopping increases in PHEAA's funding don't support students in public higher education nearly as much as it supports students in private schools. How so? If a student attends Lehigh University at \$20,000+ per year, as opposed to attending a state school with much lower tuition, who do you think will get the lion's share of the money? I can almost see Cohen snickering now. For example, I'm an independent student making very little money, paying college tuition myself, and I receive \$650 per semester from the state. I'm not complaining about the money that I do receive. It is a big help, but I'm nowhere near the maximum.

In yet another example of how poorly supported our State System is, Penn State, our state's "flagship" college, received \$321 million from the state this year, while the entire State System received just under \$150 million more, for 14 schools. Despite this windfall, Penn St. was happy with this amount, asking for more. What's my point? Penn State is consistently cited for having superb graduation rates, while the State System incurs the wrath of ignorant representative like Cohen who are totally blind to our State System's working and concerns.

Do I think that the state should just blindly throw money into our State System? No. There is plenty of work to be done by both sides to improve graduation rates. But Penn St. is a good example of a college that receives obscene amounts of funding and that has very high graduation rates.

AS for taking longer than four years, Cohen's complaints towards the State System are totally inappropriate. Only 30

percent at our state's darling school, Penn St., are graduating in four years, compared to 24 percent in the state system. Temple's is only 16 percent, and the University of Pittsburgh is at 33 percent.

It appears to me that schools in the State System aren't the only ones with low four-year graduation rates. Even Steve McCarthy, Penn State's director of public relations, thinks that the idea of a four-year undergraduate education is outdated. "Four years was a standard for a lot of years when all you had to learn for physics was how to use a slide rule," he said. "It's just not the case anymore." Three hundred twenty-one million, Lita.

Most outrageous of all Cohen's remarks that State System graduates "aren't fit for any type of job," and "they can't write simple sentences." I'd like to know how many State System students and/or alumni Cohen has interacted with to come up with these cretinous and misguided comments. With remarks such as these, Cohen isn't fit for any type of elected job where she represents citizens of Pennsylvania, many of whom attend or are alumni of schools in the state system.

I challenge Cohen to visit KU to interact with students, faculty, and staff and to get connected to the academic world in the State System, since she obviously doesn't have a clue about it now.

While KU has realized a renaissance in recent years with many construction projects and improvements, we still have a long way to go. Since we are one of the top art schools in the State System, she can start with the Sheridan Art Building to take a look at the building's abhorrent state. More funds to restore and expand the building could really help our school and the entire Art Department.

So, what can you as a student, administrator, professor or relative do? Email Representative Cohen to make your displeasure known at lcohen@pahousegop.com, send her snail mail at: The Honorable Lita Cohen, House of Representatives, 117 East 4th Ave., Conshohocken, PA 19428, call her office in Harrisburg at (717) 783-2063, or send her a facsimile at (717) 787-0860.

Representative Cohen should be hearing from the State System's 95,000 faculty members, 350,000 graduates and 90,088 enrolled students. Silence on her part of the very people that Cohen has offended would be even more offensive than her remarks.

Wow, there may even be a few sentences put together in this editorial. I may even be ready for a job when I graduate in 52 days. Hooked on Phonics worked for me, Lita.

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"I think South Side is good, but too expensive. I think Main could do better with their food."
Suzie Siebenson, freshman,
elementary education/special education



"No, not really. South Side is fine though."
Lacey Hessling, sophomore, CJA



"No. Taco Bell would be better."
Jeremy Cheezum, junior, history



"I think the food isn't bad, but they could use more variety."
Logan Duffy, freshman, undeclared

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Family and Friends

A support group based on those needing help dealing with their sexuality or those needing help dealing with a friend or family member's sexuality. We try to do fun activities based on others interests when we have enough interest to do so. Conferences/workshops are held dealing with different issues related to these or any topics that involve gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered topics. Meetings are at 3 p.m. on Fridays at the Women's Center in Pinecrest room 101. For more information call Misty at x5124 or Carolyn at 662-3983.

Ally Group

Stickers are placed on each ally's door to signify their incorporation with our program. If this sticker is on any ally's door, they are open minded and will talk to you about anything, dealing with sexuality. This sticker contains the phrase, "Open Mind, Open Door", along with an open door, signified by a rainbow. Any faculty not already part of this program can contact Misty and participate in our workshop. For more information call Misty at x5124 or Carolyn at 662-3983.

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Aries ♈ 3/22 - 4/20

This week is bright, Aries. A New Moon gives you the chance to make a fresh start. If you've been thinking about and meaning to give yourself a break, then the coming nights are ideal to put your own interests first and take up the gauntlet of something new and stimulating just for you.

Taurus ♉ 4/21 - 5/21

Although you feel you've still got much to learn about someone you're currently dealing with on an intimate level, you're starting to feel more at home in their company. Intuition plays an important part in your decision making and the next two weeks bring much internal soul-searching.

Gemini ♊ 5/22 - 6/21

The fiery New Moon promises a rewarding change of heart concerning plans for a social get-together or group outing. Not only is this a grand time to become more involved with a wide-reaching scheme for the greater good of others but it's something you need too.

Cancer ♋ 6/22 - 7/23

Today's New Moon is mega-important for you as it sits at the top of your solar chart triggering off your search for fresh success and recognition. You have the poise and self-assurance to command respect and you exude a confident aura. It's this that takes you straight to the top.

Leo ♌ 7/24 - 8/23

If you've not made any plans to travel over Easter then make up for lost time now. You'll welcome any opportunity to get away from it all and the sooner you can arrange a trip the better. A sudden brainstorm helps you tackle a difficult intellectual assignment.

Virgo ♍ 8/24 - 9/23

They've chosen the wrong person if someone had you down for a fool. Instead of letting on you know what they're up to, you can turn the situation to your advantage. A combination of psychology reverse or otherwise and plain old snooping will help you get your own back.

Libra ♎ 9/24 - 10/23

Moonpower in your house of relationships prompts you to consider the future of a close partnership. Do you both want the same from your affair? You can either decide to move on together, make a fresh start or part what's important is that neither of you are under any illusions.

Scorpio ♏ 10/24 - 11/22

You feel as if your life is in serious need of an overhaul. It's as if you've totally lost control of working and family commitments when one has started to outweigh the other and there's never time for yourself. Sort this out now before your health takes the biscuit and you blow a gasket.

Sagittarius ♐ 11/23 - 12/22

A strong sense of security towards someone special prod you into making a long-term emotional commitment. The next two weeks are ideal to decide on what love means to you. Is it romance, fantasy or sex? As long as you get what you want your affair will prosper.

Capricorn ♑ 12/23 - 1/20

Family matters, property decisions and home affairs are all framed in the lunar spotlight. A serious proposition comes your way which might mean uprooting yourself and moving to somewhere new. Perhaps that's not such a bad idea as it will help you bury the past and create a new future.

Aquarius ♒ 1/21 - 2/19

Invitations galore will soon be dropping through your door. Networking and gaining the upper hand on your rivals comes via whom you know. Although it might upset your social plans, if you're an Aquarian with ambition you'll have to make sacrifices now in the cause of success.

Pisces ♓ 2/20 - 3/21

Fresh financial moves could be good for you but there is something you must be sure of before you sign on the dotted line. Spill out what's on your mind and get assurances from those in the now. Get everything in writing to ensure you are protected should or if things go wrong.

Special Olympics of Tioga County

is looking for individuals or groups to volunteer at their Annual Spring Track & Field Event from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Thursday, April 27.

Escorts and groups to run activities at the event are needed.

For more information or to sign up, contact Tanya at 662-3639 or stop by Retan Center 213.

All I wanted was a muffin

Commentary
By KAREN HOLGATE
Flashlight Writer

Picture this, You're on your way back to the dorm after your 10 o'clock class. Suddenly you get the urge for a mid-morning snack. You stop by the Den and grab you're favorite baked good and a soda. Come 1 o'clock you're hearing the voice of hunger telling you it's time for lunch. But the Manser Lady tells you you've already used your lunch meal. Now you have to wait till 3:30 to eat. And that is way too early for dinner so you'll be hungry again at 6 o'clock. So, you're entire day has been ruined by this incident.

What is a student supposed to do? If I already paid for these 14/19 meals a week I should be able to use them as I feel. I recall being told at orientation that you

could use all of your meals in one day if you wanted to. But we all know that's not true. You can only use one meal during each of the set eating period. So what if that's not you're normal eating schedule, you're expected to conform.

An advocate of the system argued that it is to ensure that you eat regular healthy meals. I say if I want to eat two solo pizzas for lunch everyday and get as big as a house that's my choice. It is not the schools job to regulate our eating habits. Sure, the school should provide healthy choices but we aren't obligated to take them.

What about the guys and gals with bigger appetites? Carl is a large guy who needs two subs to fill him up. Why shouldn't he be able to pay for them with two meals? He paid for them. And he doesn't eat on the weekend so he has four meals just sitting there. And if he doesn't use them during the

week they're lost.

Some say you could just go to Main and eat all you want. But I personally refuse to eat there. It's a choice everyone has to make for themselves. I don't like the selection, if I'm by myself I have to endure the looks of pity from groups of people eating together, and after I leave I have inherited the distinct smell of Manser. No Thank You on all counts.

(Just a side rant here, I was forced to eat there Friday Night with my freshmen and we found only one fish choice. This being Lent you think there would be more options given to students!)

So, we're back to our other options. I love South Side. It is my second home. However it is a bit pricey. Very few meals fit the equivalency. Maybe the

prices should reflect the amount of cash we are allotted. Or better yet the meal equivalent should be more. Who eats for \$3.50 anyway?

Then you have the Mountie Den. Again it's pricey. And there are a number of things there that will automatically be placed on your flex. All canned sodas, bottles of milk, chips, ...ect. So, for those of you who found out how to utilize your extra meals by buying goods such as these for a later date, well them days are over. Again, because it doesn't fit into the confines of a proper meal. And again I say that's my choice, I paid for it now let me use it.

This last week alone I lost three whole meals. On Sunday Night I stopped by the Den to get dinner. The register showed that I had three meals left but when I went to use one I was told I had already eaten my dinner meal. This is at 7:30pm. I had a later lunch at 3:35. I have now lost my remaining meals and can't have dinner unless I use my precious little flex. THIS SUCKS!!!!

I'm not one to complain and not offer solutions, I think the whole system stinks and it needs an over haul. Students should be able to use meals at any time. If the student uses them unwisely it is their problem. We are adults and we should be able to regulate our own eating schedules.

Not everybody gets hungry at the same time. Let us pick when we want to eat our meals.

Left over meals should be converted to Flex, this way we don't feel completely screwed out of meals. And I'll go so far as to say it doesn't have to be the full amount. Just so as we feel that we got our money's worth. And this way the university still keeps our dough.

We are forced into these meal plans. Students are told they must have a meal plan and the only way out of it is a doctors note saying you have to have a special diet that the school cannot provide. So, why can't we have more freedom with our meals? The system has to change because at this moment it is wholly unacceptable! Very few people I've spoken to are happy with the way things are. Students often feel that this is the way things are, they won't change. My friend Darren even told me to just suck it up. But I am tired of being a pansy. I'm not happy. If I bought a product at a store and was dissatisfied I would take it back and demand that they rectify the situation. Why can't I do the same thing with this? So take notice MU, you need to listen up and change, because you have plenty of dissatisfied customers at the service desk! For other opinions of MU's food service, check out this week's Campus Voices.

'Fidelity' scores 'High'

By SCOTT ROSENBERG
The Eagle (AmericanU.)

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON -- Some people listen to music during their lives. Some people have a life while listening to music. Rob Gordon (John Cusack) is one of the latter.

Rob is the lead character of "High Fidelity" a story about a record store and the people who work in it, namely its owner, Rob.

He owns Championship Vinyl, the record store, where only the true music junkies shop, hidden in a part of Chicago to avoid window shoppers.

He's the kind of person that makes top five lists about everything. His top five ideal jobs, top five worst break-ups, top five songs about death...whatever the situation, he makes a top five list.

He's the sort of guy who organizes his record collection autobiographically, so he'll know that if he wants to listen to a certain Fleetwood Mac song, he'll have to remember when he bought the album.

His love life, however, is completely disorganized. His long-time girlfriend, Laura (Iben Hjejle) has left him and he's really hurting from it. He just can't figure

out why women keep dumping him. So, he sets out to find why women keep dumping him.

He starts calling the five girls on his list to find why they broke up with him. Some were just fated to be with others, some just weren't on his level some were just wanted someone more...sparky. But, as Rob freely admits, some just

left him because he was "an asshole." So what can he do? That's just something he'll have to work out for himself.



John Cusack and Iben Hjejle, two of the many talented stars in 'High Fidelity.'

Meanwhile, he'll go on with his life - working, selling records and listening to music. Many of the films best scenes are in the record store, where Rob employs Barry (Jack Black, Tenacious D) and Dick (Todd Louiso), two recluse audiophiles. Barry is a raucous, boisterous, pompous maniac while Dick is a repressed, quiet, shy wuss. The three share a common bond - a true love of pop music.

The trio makes up a triumvirate of musical snobs, who pity those who don't have their vast knowledge of music and play games with musical "geeks" by denying them the albums they want simply because they are geeks.

The script, written by the same crew that brought "Grosse Pointe Blank," is refresh-

ingly witty. It's based on the novel by Nick Hornby and, at points in the film, draws directly from the text.

What really makes this film work is John Cusack. Whether he is breaking the fourth wall, which he does throughout the whole movie, or he's sitting in the rain, which he also does throughout the movie, he carries the character with confidence, as if he were born to play him.

And no matter what happens to Rob, Cusack is able to give the impression that Rob is on target for his goal of absolution. When he meets with one his old girlfriends, Penny, to find out what went wrong, she broke down, cried and slapped him, reminding him that he dumped her. After she stormed out, Rob, unfazed, asks for the check, completely unaffected by what happened, satisfied that it had nothing to do with some character flaw of his own.

"High Fidelity" is a rare movie. Like "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," Rob constantly is talking to the audience. He becomes your friend, and you begin to feel sorry for him when he is dumped. He doesn't always mean to be a bad person, it just sort of happens.

But he manages to redeem himself while maintaining a semblance of self-dignity. The film has a cast of Hollywood elite, which won't be listened here to avoid ruining some of the best surprises of the film. Oh, and by the way, this movie rules. Can't say it any better than that.

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Flashlight Sports

A slugfest in the PSAC

Baseball starts PSAC 3-1

By NICOLE CORTESE
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield Baseball Mountaineers were not the only ones celebrating last Thursday afternoon. Mountie head coach Harry Hillson celebrated his 450th career victory. He accomplished this task after only 14 short seasons with Mansfield.

Hillson is only the second baseball coach in PSAC history to accomplish this historic milestone. No other baseball coach in Pennsylvania NCAA baseball history has conquered the 450 victory hill in as short of a time at the Division I, II, or III level. He is currently the 15th all-time winningest coach in NCAA Division II history.

After the game, Hillson stated, "To be honest, I feel a whole lot better about sweeping West Chester and being in first place in the PSAC East than winning 450 games. Those 450 wins are a result of the work that Dr. John Heaps did in building this program in the 1960's and 70's. We are just maintaining the standards he sets as a coach."

With Hillson taking the spotlight for awhile, the Mounties turned on the magic



Photo provided

Scott Costa and the Mounties have staked themselves to first place in the PSAC.

they work so well, as they downed West Chester University 9-1, 9-4 in the PSAC East opener for both teams.

Mark Bell and Greg Martin each threw complete games, backed up by great bats. In the opener, Bell, a transfer out of Lackawanna Junior College, scattered nine hits and sat down five batters. He didn't give out many free trips on base, by walking only one batter.

Chris Hafich followed Bell's stellar per

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Lady Mounties slow out of the gate with 2-3 conference start

By NICOLE CORTESE
Flashlight Writer

The Mountaineer Softball Team is having a rocky road to victory. After giving a stellar performance in North Carolina and West Virginia the Lady Mounties have come back to uneven territory. If losing the doubleheader to Lock Haven last week wasn't enough, Kutztown dropped Mansfield in their doubleheader last Thursday afternoon, 5-0 and 8-5.

In the opener the Mounties made a solid effort, but managed only three hits off of Kutztown starting pitcher Tara White. The Mounties first baseman Kriten Lewis registered one of the hits, with a double.

Despite their heart-filled effort, the Mounties could not overcome Kutztown's perfect play. In the nightcap, the Mounties were biting at Kutztown's heels, scoring four of their five runs in the sixth inning. Two runs scored on a RBI by Lewis. Jessica Ricker



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Renee Grinnell has provided her squad with some unexpected power so far this season.

chalked up a solo home run for herself in the battle against Kutztown.

After the heart-breaking losses the Mountie softball team endured in the past two weeks, they got their "Southern" groove back against West Chester University this past Saturday afternoon, sweeping them in the doubleheader 3-1 and 7-2. Jessica Ricker took head

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They had one Houghton of a good time

Track team has multiple high finishes at Houghton Invitational

By DARREN A. DeVOUE
Sports Editor



The Mansfield University track and field team flexed some muscle this Saturday at the Houghton Invitational. MU won four events and placed highly in others.

Lamar Crawford led the way taking first place in the high jump with a spring of 6'04". Crawford's legs were not done after the high jump. He took first in the long jump with a leap of 6.50 meters. Crawford also placed second in the high hurdles, and third in the triple jump, and added a seventh place finish in the 100 meter dash.

Kyle Kiter was busy

adding to his pole vaulting legend at MU, taking first in said event with a vault of 14'06". Like Crawford, Kiter still had spring in his long legs as he took fifth in the long jump and third in the 100 meter dash.

Eric Hanford was the story for the distance portion of the team as he placed fourth in the 800 meter run and fourth in the 1500 meter run.

On the ladies side of things, Brandy Lingenfelter is making up for not throwing last year by winning the shot put. Lingenfelter threw the shot 10.82 to win the event.

Kelly Maines, once again racked up points for her team by placing third in the 100 high hurdles, seventh in the long jump, eighth in the javelin, and

ninth in the 200 meter dash.

Theresa Stanford had the wind in her to take third in the 1500 meter run and fifth in the 800 meter run.

Kim Carman, placed second in the pole vault, fifth in the 100 meter high hurdles and sixth in the long jump.

Niki Snyder rounded out MU's solid performance at Houghton by taking second in the high jump.

This Saturday, MU track and field will travel to Shippensburg University, where they will have a quad-meet against Lock Haven, Millersville and the host Ship.



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Mansfield's Univ.'s Sister Act

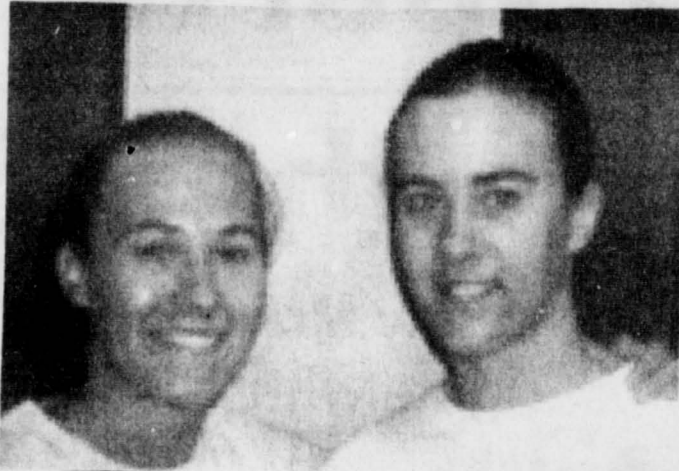
Athlete profile of Heather and Jennifer Nichols

By DARREN A. DeVOUE
Sports Editor

Similar, yet different would be a phrase that could describe the Nichols sisters. Heather stands 5'9", while Jennifer stands 5'7". Heather has dark hair, while Jennifer's is a light brunette. Both have striking green eyes, and eyes are often referred to as the pathway to one's soul. Both of them took different paths that brought them to Mansfield University.

The sisters combined to form a two-headed terror the past two seasons on the hardwood for the MU basketball program, and a tight-knit friendship outside of the lines. The two gave a clear picture of the latter as they playfully jostled each other with elbows during their interview.

The Nichols are natives of East Smithfield, PA where they attended Athens High School. Both were multiple sport athletes at Athens, as they lettered in volleyball, track, and, of course, basketball. Heather, the older by three years, made All-NL East and All-District IV her last year at Athens. Jennifer in turn, made All-NL East, All-District IV, and All-



Darren A. DeVoue/Flashlight

Jennifer and Heather Nichols come together after playing basketball and taking class respectively.

Twin Tiers. Jennifer was also named Northern Tier Player of the Year by the Elmira Star-Gazette. It is apparent that Heather would clear the proverbial trail, and Jennifer would set it ablaze. The two played together Heather's senior year when they led Athens to the District IV championship. That game was played in Decker Gym. "That was the most packed we have ever seen Decker," recalled Heather. "That was one of the best moments together," said Jennifer.

One would think that while growing up, the Nichols girls would lock horns since

both were competitive athletes. "We were competitive," said Heather, but it was a good in how we pushed each other. It helped that we played different positions, because we worked together." "She tried to be bossy," interjected Jennifer.

The two parted ways for a time when Heather graduated and attended Bloomsburg to play basketball and pursue her degree in Elementary Education. After two years at Bloomsburg, Heather came back home to East Smithfield to bring in the newest addition to the Nichols family, young Morgan. Morgan will be three this

Summer. Heather transferred to Mansfield, where her younger sibling was going to be recruited a year later. "I was debating about playing, and I knew they were recruiting Jennifer." Heather, thankfully for Lady Mountie Basketball, decided to play.

Jennifer was looking at other institutions. "I wanted to go away, but I'm a homebody," admitted Jennifer. "Plus I had a boyfriend at the time and he was going to Bucknell." Those relational/geographical con-

straints can be a kick in the pants. In this case, it worked out. It provided the two sisters to reunite in the same place where their playing days together had ended, at The School on the Mountaintop. The program consistently improved during the Nichols' era.

In their last season together, they led Mansfield Women's Basketball to its first ever 3-0 start in Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference play. While Heather was doing the dirty work ranking third in the PSAC East in rebounding. Jennifer's solid all-around game earned her Second Team All-PSAC recognition.



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Heather Nichols was one of the top rebounders in the conference this season.

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formance as he put his team on the board first by taking control at the plate with a solo home run in the bottom of the second inning. Chad Swogger and Derrick Nace jumped right on Hafich's heels in the third inning when they each belted solo homeruns, to add to the Mountie run total. Swogger finished 2-4 with two RBIs and Nace executed well offensively, going 3-3 at the plate.

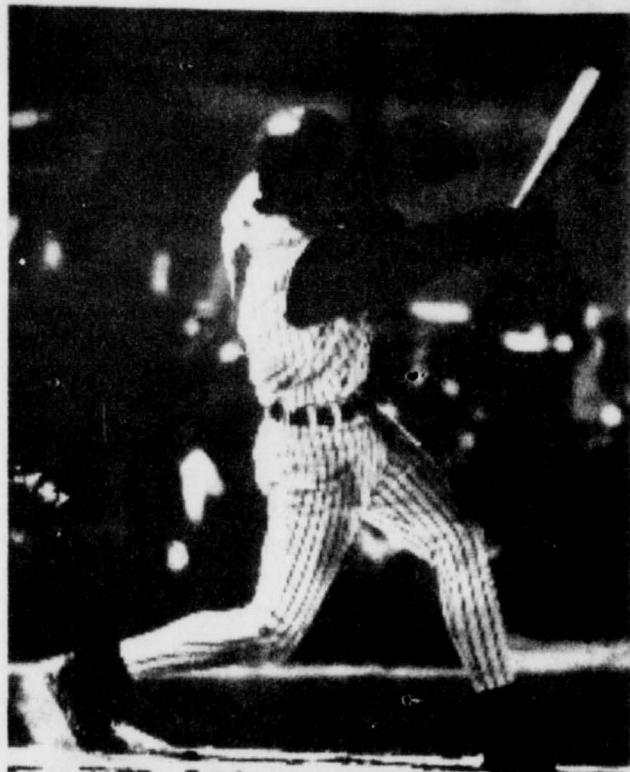
In the nightcap, the Mountaineers got off to a nervous start as they trailed 1-0, before they exploded in the third inning. Centerfielder Matt Edwards doubled to knock three of the four runs in to score. Hafich maintained a solid bat at the plate going 3-4 with a RBI.

Martin sent seven West Chester players back to the pine bench as he went the distance in the nightcap to improve to 4-1 for the season.

Winning the PSAC East opener, the Mounties advanced to 15-7 overall and 2-0 in the PSAC East.

After Wowing the crowd at home, the Mounties up and traveled to Kutztown University to do battle with the defending champions. They split the PSAC East doubleheader on Saturday afternoon, losing the first game 9-5 and counter-attacking to win the nightcap 8-2.

In the opener, both teams jumped on the bats and bases quick, scoring four in the first inning. Mansfield took a very short-lived one point lead in the second before Kutztown quickly tied the game. Kutztown then put the



Mounties out of reach, scoring twice in the fourth and fifth. Don Frank and Nace each paired out at the plate as they went 2-3, while Hafich dropped only going 2-4.

Losing the opener to Kutztown, froze Mansfield's six game winning streak. Shawn Wettig picked the Mounties back up in the nightcap pitching the entire six innings of play. The game lasted six innings before being called because of darkness. Wettig allowed only seven hits and two earned runs. He is now posted at 3-1 on the season.

Just as Kutztown erupted in the opener, the Mounties exploded in the fifth inning to run away with the game. Swogger posted the key hit, a two-RBI single with no outs. Edwards planted an insurance run with an RBI single, going 2-3 with two RBIs at the plate. Swogger posted the same

at the plate, adding a RBI to Edwards. R.J. Lee made action happen going 3-3 at the plate with a walk. Adam Lewis scored twice and went 2-2 with a double, while Frank safely reached base in all four at bats, posting a single and two walks.

Coming out 3-1 this past week in PSAC East action, the Mountaineers will travel to East Stroudsburg Tuesday for another doubleheader in the PSAC East.

Sisters

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Heather was a tough one, taking nine credits in graduate courses, playing basketball, and commuting 40 minutes to East Smithfield where Morgan was awaiting her mother. According to the young mother, "Sometimes you can make it in 30." For the record, Heather has gotten no speeding tickets making the frequent commute.

"I am gonna miss her," said Jennifer of

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lines as she went 5-6 for the day at the plate.

Kelly Morris went the distance in the opener as she stood her ground on the hill, striking out nine and allowing only six hits. With this performance she posted her sixth win of the season. Morris's other half behind the plate, catcher Rosie Pagana went 2-3 with a double and adding a RBI, while Ricker just got started with 2-3.

Mansfield stole the nightcap away, as they

opened a 7-0 lead by the fourth inning. The Mounties never gave West Chester a chance to catch up. Lindsay Dempsey held the fort on the mound as she pitched a full six innings, allowing one earned run, accompanied by six hits. This marks her second win of the season.

Pagana came through in the nightcap as well, posting a 3-4 at the plate, with two runs. Ricker finished off her 5-6 day going 3-3 at the plate and posting two RBIs. Gwen Shade and Megan Williams both belted out two hits while going 2-3.

Mansfield will jump on the bus again on Monday and travel to Bloomsburg University to challenge the Huskies in a 3:00 p.m. PSAC East match up.



Photo provided
Jennifer Nichols
ended her sophomore season as an All-PSAC East selection.

her older sister. "The past couple of years together were great."

Heather is currently substitute teaching as well as she progresses towards her graduate degree. Since the challenge of basketball is through for her, she will take on another challenge, marriage. June 10 of this year, Heather will walk the aisle and say her vows. Her maid of honor will be her sister, by older sister's side once again.

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Exemption From Housing

MSU the last team standing

Michigan State defeats Florida 89-76 to claim the National Title

By DARREN A. DeVOUE
Sports Editor

It was billed as youth versus experience. It was supposed to be a game of blue-collar play squaring off against up-tempo running and pressing. Michigan State's experience was evident, and so was their blue-collar strength as they defeated the Florida Gators 89-76 to win the second school in school history.

The game began with the Spartans wasting little time in attacking Florida's vaunted press. The Michigan State went over the top of the press throwing the long pass to All-American guard, Mateen Cleaves. Cleaves took two long passes directly to the Florida basket, setting the tone for his team. Cleaves was a huge factor, scoring 15 of his 18 points in the first half. He was not alone, as fellow seniors A.J. Granger and Morris Peterson combined for 40 points.

Florida's inexperience was evident, when the Spartans upped their lead to 7 points. This was the biggest deficit that the Gators had faced in the NCAA tournament this year. The Gators began to miss close shots and turn the ball over while Cleaves was busy silencing critics who questioned the ability of his jump-shot. Cleaves took three, three-pointers in the first-half, making all of them.

Mike Miller, Florida's super-sophomore, began to look like an on-court spectator.

Miller only took two shots in the first-half, and took five for the game. Center, Udonis Haslem, attempted to keep his team in the game by scoring a game high 28 points, but he received little help from his teammates, aside from Brent Nelson who scored 15 points for the game. Nelson, and the Gutter reserves were supposed to be the one of the game factors in their team's favor. Florida's bench had been huddled for their team in getting to the Final, accounting for 66 points in its team's regional games. Lost in all the hype of Florida's bench was the fact that MSU had one of their own. The Spartan bench outscored their Gutter counterparts, in the first-half 11-8.

Florida would go to the locker room, down 41-36. Each team head overcame halftime deficits so half-time was filled with intrigue as the teams made adjustments. Florida coach Billy Donovan urged his players to pound the ball inside to overcome their poor outside shooting. Michigan State stuck with their game plan and executed even more intensely than it did in the first part of the game.

The second-half started off much like the first, with Cleaves going to the basket, this time scoring on a layup while being fouled. The key moment in the game came with 16:18 left, when Cleaves' availability came into question. Shortly before that the game deteriorated into something of a boxing match as numerous fouls went uncalled. During a spree for the ball Cleaves snatched it up and

bolted downcourt, where he was met by Florida's Teddy Dupay. Dupay, obviously frustrated from shooting 0-9 in the Final Four, careened into Cleaves, fouling him. Cleaves right ankle, the same one that forced him to miss 13 games to start the regular season. Just as State had done then when they went 8-4 without their leader, they rallied. State was ahead 50-55 when Cleaves left and had upped the lead to 58-52 when he returned two minutes and 49 seconds of game

clock later.

Cleaves would be ineffective offensively for the rest of the game, but that was alleviated by the second-half production of Peterson. Peterson, scored 15 of his 21 points in the second half. Granger tied his career high with a solid 19 points. Florida mercilessly pounded the ball inside to Haslem, but it could not overcome the Spartans dead-eye shooting in the second half. State shot 65 percent as a team

in the second-half.

Peterson hit a three to put his team up 82-70, and the lead would get as big as 20. And the celebration in East Lansing was beginning.

Peterson was named Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four in his final game. State returns two starters (Charlie Bell and Andre Hutson) next season, and talk is spreading of a solid recruiting class.

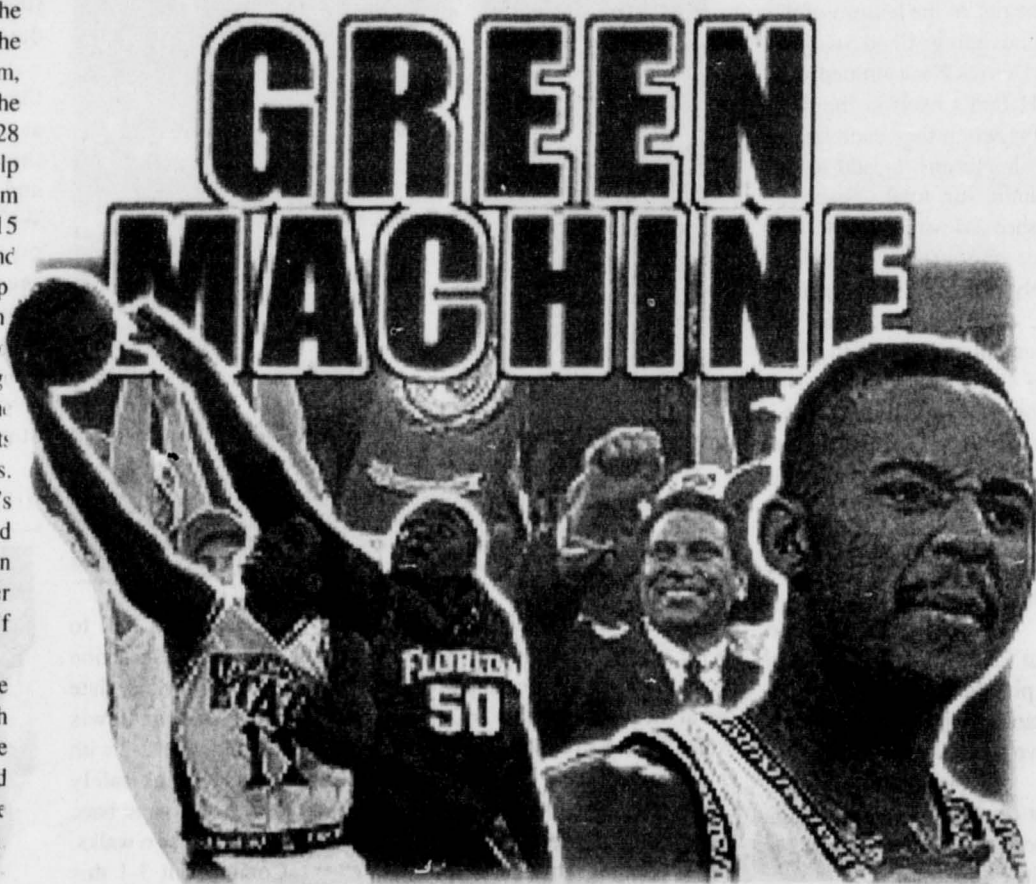


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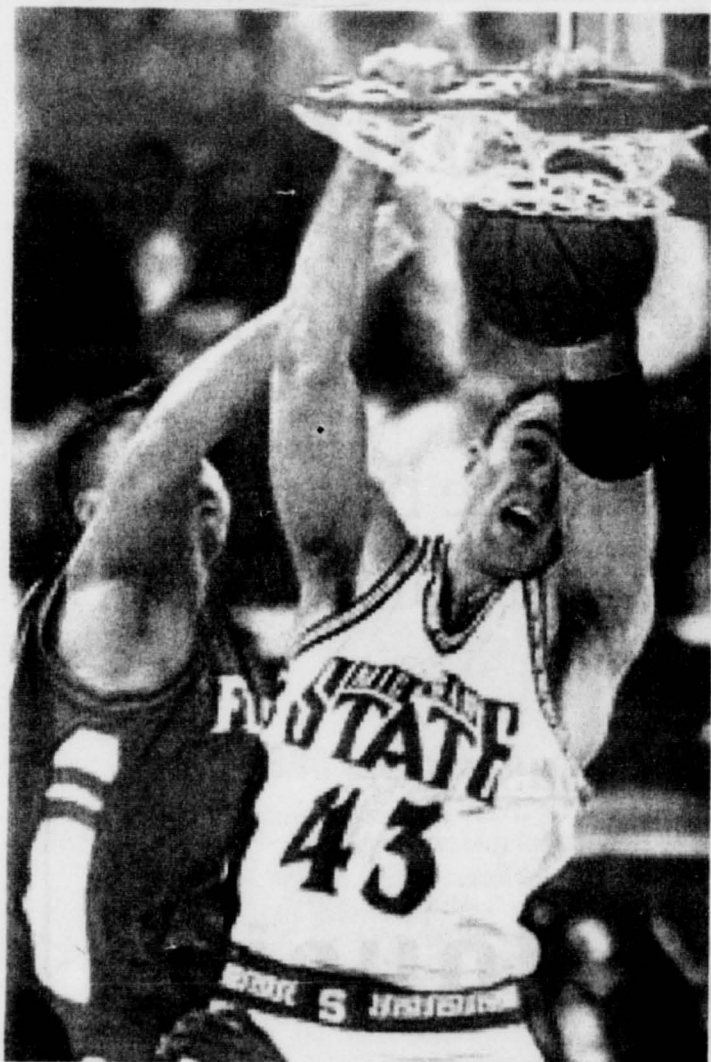


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Senior forward, A.J. Granger, tied a career-high with 19 in his final college game.

This week in Mountie Sports

Baseball:

Thurs. @ Binghamton (1:00)
Sat. vs. Shippensburg (1:00)
Sun. @ Millersville (1:00)

Softball:

Wed. vs. Millersville (3:00)
Tues. @ E. Stroudsburg (3:00)

Track and Field:

Sat. @ Shippensburg w/
Millersville and Lock Haven
(noon)

Check out next week's issue of
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the Winter Sports Banquet
Find out who the top Winter
athletes on campus are.

The Flashlight

Mansfield University, Mansfield, Pennsylvania



'All My Sons' opens Thursday

Arthur Miller's classic closes theatre season

By **BOB MANGANELLO**
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University Theater Department will present "All My Sons," by Arthur Miller as the final production of the 1999-2000 season at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in Straughn Auditorium. The play is directed by Dr. Andy Longoria.

The play won the New York Drama Critics' Award as the best new American play. This classic drama takes place after World War II in the backyard of the Keller household. During World War II businesses proposed. Businesses connected to the war effort were called on to keep the military supplied with the necessities of war.

Joe Keller, played by Tom Wilson, owns a large machine shop that provided airplane engine parts but his partner is in prison for shipping out defective parts causing plans to crash. Joe lost one of his sons in the war. The other son Chris Kelly, who is played by JonMichael Brennan, is in a love affair with Ann Deever, who is played by Marissa Mickelburg. About three years have passed and Chris has brought home Ann, Joe's partner's daughter. The problem is that Ann used to be Chris' brother's girl before he fought in the war. Chris has to deal with his mother who won't accept that her son is dead and his father has a horrible secret to tell.

The rest of the cast includes Kate

Keller, played by Katie Mason, Dr. Jim Bayliss, played by Jeddiah Lane Linsley, Sue Bayliss, played by Nicole Jackson, Frank Lubey who is played by Eric Davis, Lydia Lubey, played by Sarah Sperling and Bert who is played by Kevin Wright. "This is the first show I've been involved with at Mansfield and it has been incredible. The show is fantastic and the acting is unbelievable," said Assistant Director Katie Bower.

Tickets are \$2 for children and MU students with your ID, \$4 for Senior Citizens and \$5 for adults. Any questions call the box office at (570) 662-4381.



Carl D. Madonna/THE FLASHLIGHT

Tom Wilson and Katie Mason prepare for Thursday's opening of 'All My Sons'

'All Things Considered' host will speak at commencement

Linda Wertheimer, host of National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" will be the speaker during Mansfield University's spring commencement ceremonies at 11 a.m., May 6 at Karl Van Norman Field.

In making the announcement, Mansfield University President John R. Halstead said, "In today's fast-breaking world of sound bites, NPR's 'All Things Considered' remains one of the most in-depth news shows available. We are privileged that the senior host of this newsmagazine will be the speaker for Mansfield's 135th Commencement. As one of



Wertheimer

Wertheimer has been with NPR almost since its inception in 1971. She served as the network's congressional correspondent, then as political correspondent before becoming host of the award winning "All Things Considered" in 1989.

America's most trusted journalists, we are pleased that Linda Wertheimer will bring her vantage point of almost 30 years of political commen-

In 1988 she received the Corporation for Public Broadcasting award for her work on "The Iran Contra Affair: A Special Report" and in 1978 Wertheimer was honored with a special Alfred I. du Pont-Columbia University citation for her coverage of the Panama Canal Treaty debates. She has covered the last four presidential election campaigns. Since 1976 she has anchored NPR's live coverage of both nominating conventions and all presidential debates.

Keep in mind that in the event of inclement weather, MU's commencement ceremonies will be held in Decker Gymnasium.

2000 Solo Competition finalists perform in concert

The Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Kenneth Sarch, will perform at 7:30 p.m., April 19 in Steadman's Theater. The concert will feature the student winners of the 2000 Solo Competition held by the music department and the Hamilton-Gibson Children's Choir.

The MU soloists were chosen by a panel of music faculty to appear with the orchestra. Those students include: Sarah Ball, Andre Caniere, Darcy Lyle, Ruth Beale, Natalie True, Alicia Botelle, Matthew Stein, Jean Ann Tral, Michael Galloway, Angela McBrearty, Adam Brennan and Kenneth Sarch. The Hamilton-Gibson Children's Choir will perform Aaron Copland's "Old American Songs" for Choir and Orchestra. The Choir was formed in

Wellsboro by its director Thomas Putnam with pianist Kay Galloway in 1996. It has grown to include 40 members in grades five to eight who come from all over Tioga County.

Last year, the Hamilton-Gibson Children's Choir sang in New York City and later this year the young singers will tour Toronto, Canada. The MU Symphony Orchestra will round out the program with a performance of the "Bizet L'Arlesienne Suite." The orchestra toured this spring, playing at Lycoming College, Hanover High School and performing an invitational concert at the state capitol in Harrisburg to celebrate Music In Our Schools Month.

The concert is free and is open to the public.

Forensics Team competes at Nationals

By **JESSICA SHERIDAN**
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University Forensics Team will start their nine hour journey to Athens, Ohio today to compete in the National Forensics Competition. The National competition is the highest level of competition available to collegiate forensics teams. This six day event will conclude on April 18 with the final round.

Not just any school can enter the national competition. In order to qualify, the team must have "broken an event". This means that you must have placed in your event of performance

sometime during the year. All six Mansfield team members have broken their event at least twice, therefore they have all qualified for the competition. Team members Darren DeVoue, Carl Madonna, Karen Holgate, Ja'Nell Natson, Heather Borden and Kari Weller will represent Mansfield in Ohio.

There are four preliminary rounds of competition. This means that each member will have to perform four times in front of a group of three judges. "It will be nice to compete with so many judges present, there will be a fair chance since there will be so many ballots," said

Ja'Nell Natson. On Sunday afternoon, overall scores are posted and members can see if they have made it into the quarterfinals. Out of over 120 universities that attend, only 24 students go on to the quarterfinal round. From the quarterfinals, twelve continue on to the semifinals, and only six actually make it to finals. Even though these odds are great, forensics coach, Dr. Sharon Carrish says she is hopeful.

"You never know what will happen," Carrish said. "The only guarantee is that our team members will try their hardest, like we have in other competitions."

Along with individual awards, a team sweepstakes occurs. For this event, schools are placed in groups according to their student body size. This means that Mansfield will not have to compete against a school with over 50,000 students. This team sweepstakes is what Carrish considers her main goal. Everyone competing receives points for their performance. These points are then added together with the rest of your teammates to get an overall rating. The university with the most points wins.

This tournament will also bring Darren DeVoue's forensic

career here at Mansfield to an end. DeVoue will be graduating this May from the University. "Darren has showed me everything he knows about forensics. Having such a good friend and teammate by my side has made the difference this year. I am really going to miss big D," said Carl Madonna.

Although the chances of making it to the final round do seem slim, Mansfield University has done it before. The Forensic team has been competing all year long and will undoubtedly give a solid performance in Ohio.

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Moore begins new challenge at Empire State College

By **KIMBERLY SAPONE**
Editor in Chief

After only four short years, Dr. Joseph Moore will vacate his position of Provost at Mansfield University in July.

Moore leaves MU to assume the presidency of Empire State College in New York. He will be only the second president in the school's 29-year history.

"The job here is the most rewarding I have ever had," Moore said of the provost position, which he took in August of 1996. "It's been a really wonderful experience for me."

Moore received his masters degree from the University of New Hampshire and his doctorate from the University of Vermont. Moore said he always knew he wanted to be involved in education.

"I like seeing what happens when people are involved in education," Moore said. "Education is really

empowering for people."

Moore has plenty of memories which span his four years as provost at MU, most of which involve the students.

"The most special events are the events with students," he said.

Moore also noted that in dealing with student petitions, he sees how honest the students are at MU.

"It's very interesting," he said. "It's made my job easier."

Moore said that he was not interested in taking another provost position or a presidency at a traditional college or university. In fact, Empire State was the only place he looked.

Empire State College was founded in 1971 to serve adult students throughout New York state and the Northeast. It has since grown to 46 sites throughout New York. The average age of an Empire State student

is 37. The 10,000 students who attend Empire State work with faculty to create the best course of study for themselves. Moore will work from the main administration building, located in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., north of Albany.

Moore said his first goal as president is to, "learn as much as I can about how the institution works."

As for MU, Moore says he is very optimistic about the many changes that are taking place. He cited the facility changes, new programs that are being implemented, hiring quality faculty, and getting the university's name out as the most important things to do in the coming years.

"More and more people associate Mansfield with quality and are more familiar with Mansfield University," Moore said. "That's extremely important."

Miss Pennsylvania comes to MU Tuesday

Susan Spafford, the reigning Miss Pennsylvania, will be appearing at Mansfield university on April 18. She will deliver a speech in Steadman Theatre at 7:30 p.m. about music education's importance. Following this speech, she will also perform with her violin as well as answer questions from the audience. Admission to "A Night of Music with Miss Pennsylvania" is free and open to the public.

Susan is now in her second year of graduate school at the Eastman School of Music, in Rochester New York, majoring in violin performance. Spafford has already earned undergraduate degrees in music education and performance. She plans to use her master's degree to teach violin and to someday perform in a symphony orchestra.

Spafford won her crown in the Miss Pennsylvania Scholarship Pageant on June 5 after winning the Soutwestern PA regional title. Her victory included a \$5,000 scholarship, a \$1,000 Miss America Academic Award, and a \$300 Preliminary Talent Award.

Susan then competed in the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City on September 18. Her success there included being named second runner-up Miss America and included another \$20,000 in scholarships. She is the first Miss Pennsylvania to place within the top five in the Miss America contest since Linda Olson who also placed second runner-up in the 1972 pageant.

This evening is sponsored by the Mansfield University chapter of the American Choral Directors Association along with the Student Activities Office.

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Morgan selected to compete with team USA

By VALERIE THOMAS
Flashlight Writer



Morgan

Morgan has been working in the Student Activities Office at

She'll greet you with a warm smile, an open ear and she is ready to help the students of Mansfield University in any way she can. Barbara

Mansfield University for the past fourteen years. Strangely enough, she did not think working with students was her forte, until she stepped into the Student Activities office. Morgan was almost in shock at how many students were there, but she slowly took on a strong love for the students.

Before Morgan came to Mansfield, she lived in Wellsboro working in computer software. Working in Wellsboro was wonderful for Morgan - she had her own secretary and her company was making deals in Australia,

she was interacting with people from all over the world. Yet, in her free time, Morgan trains for a triathlon. Her training is a daily occurrence which, in order in order to compete, she must keep up a daily regimen. Working in Wellsboro, she could not achieve all that she wanted to. She needed to practice at noon, and she wasn't able to do that in Wellsboro. Coming to Mansfield she has and is achieving all that she wants to.

Morgan's schedule is hectic. She currently holds a full-

time job and trains three times a day. Her daily routine consists of waking up at 5:45 a.m. to do crunches. She then goes into work and around lunchtime she heads for the pool, and after work she is back at the gym, swimming in Decker or running on the track field. The age group Morgan competes in is 55 to 59. The triathlon is a three part race, first you swim, bike then run which takes a lot of endurance and determination.

Next Friday, Morgan and her husband are leaving for

Australia where she will compete in a race for team USA for USA triathlon. This September will be the first time this race will be competed in the USA Olympics. Morgan will travel to Sidney, Australia for the triathlon. She won't be returning to Mansfield until May 6. If you get a chance stop by second floor Memorial, the Student Activities office to say hi to Barbara Morgan before next Friday. She may open your mind to new things.

Jazz Lab Band tunes up for first ensemble

The Mansfield University Jazz Ensemble, along with the newly formed MU Jazz Lab Band, will perform at 8 p.m. April 15 in Steadman's Theatre.

The Jazz Lab Band is a new ensemble under the direction of graduate assistant and Mansfield alumnus Timothy Eick. The ensemble is open to all students, regardless of major, and allows them to experience and explore jazz through performance. The Jazz Lab Band will perform Steve Wright's

arrangement of "Secret Love," Benny Golson's ballad "I Remember Clifford" and the Duke Ellington standard "C Jam Blues."

The MU Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Michael Galloway, will present a variety of standards as well as jazz originals by some of today's top big band composers and arrangers. Included in the performance will be Bill Stapleton's arrangement of "Come Rain Or Come Shine," written for the Woody Herman Band, Tom Kubis

"On Purple Porpoise Parkway" and Phil Kelly's "Sweet Georgia Upside Down."

Among the jazz originals on the program are "Carmelo's By the Freeway" by Bob Florence, Mike Pendowski's "Thank You So Much," and "Bill's Blues, another Stapleton tune. Vocalist Carrie Miller will join the Jazz Ensemble to sing "Moonlight in Vermont."

This concert is free and is open to the public.

Lecture Series opens with millennium lecture

Dr. Anthony Aveni will change the way we look at time with his "Time And The Millennium" presentation at 4 p.m., today at Allen's Lecture Hall.

Aveni, the Russell B. Colgate Professor of Astronomy and Anthropology at Colgate University, is the author of several books including "Empires Of Time," "Conversing With The Planets" and "Stairways To The Stars."

In his slide lecture Aveni will look at ways of marking midnight on our millennial clock and compare it with a sampling of how other cultures deal with the ends and re-beginning in time, especially where the sky is involved.

"Time And The Millennium" is part of the Mansfield University Film and Lecture Series.

Uwe Freuck will present a presentation on the value of learning languages and its importance for career and life opportunities at 3:30 p.m., April 13 in Manser's North Dining Hall.

Freuck is the cultural attache at the German Embassy in Washington, D.C. He has served in a wide variety of capacities in embassies in Benin, Poland and Thailand. Next summer he and his family will be moving on to a stint in the transformed capital of reunified Germany, Berlin.

This presentation is also part of the MU Film and Lecture Series being sponsored by the Provost's office. All presentations are free and open to the public. If you have any questions regarding the lectures, please contact Terry Day at Ext.4844.

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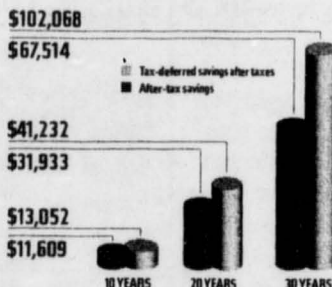
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Residence hall students get Census 2000 form

By CATHY WARNER
Flashlight Writer

The 2000 Census is being conducted by the federal government to gather information about the nation's population and housing. Mansfield University will distribute questionnaires in the residence halls during the next two weeks.

The U.S. Census Bureau, an agency of the Department of Commerce, is the federal governmental agency responsible for taking the census. The census is conducted in the first year of a new decade.

The Constitution requires a census to be done every 10 years for the purpose of reapportioning seats among the states in the House of Representatives.

All information is kept confidential about individuals and their families. Only sworn census employees can view the information. The information gathered from the census is not released for 72 years. None of the information is shared with any of the other governmental organizations.

Census numbers can aid

emergency management agencies to speed disaster relief to problem areas. The census gives such agencies an estimated number of people that could be displaced by earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, and other natural disasters. Census numbers also decide where to locate police and fire stations and other public services for communities.

There are two census forms given out by the census. The short form takes around 10 minutes to complete. It asks basic information such as name, sex, age, race, and housing questions. The long form takes around 30 minutes to complete. It asks more detailed questions involving school status, language, and disabilities. The long form also asks housing information such as units in structure, number of bedrooms, and plumbing and kitchen facilities.

The questions asked represent the best balance of the community's needs. The Census 2000 is the shortest form in 180 years.

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Seniors giving something back

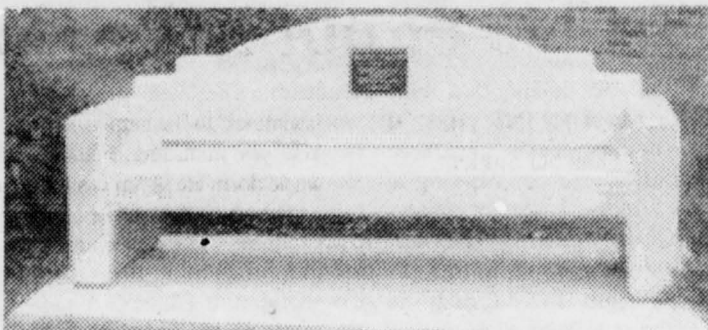
By CATHY WARNER
Flashlight Writer

ATTENTION: All graduating seniors who are graduating in May and December of this year, you will be the first class to graduate from Mansfield University in the new millennium.

The Senior Class Gift is a long-standing tradition at Mansfield University that was dormant for many years. Yet 1998 brought this tradition back to life. The tradition of a class gift to Mansfield University has furnished the scoreboard at VanNorman Field and the original Carillon atop North Hall.

The Class of '98 purchased the new park bench on the north side of Manser to honor President Kelchner's retirement, and the class of '99 will provide a new campus map, signage, and landscaping for the kiosk in front of Laurel. All graduating seniors of the Class of 2000 are invited to help continue this tradition.

The money raised will



Carl D. MADONNA/Flashlight
The Class of '98's gift

provide funding for organizational mailboxes in the main lobby of the new Student Union. A plaque stating "Donated by the Class of 2000" will be placed by the mailboxes. Those graduates who come back to campus can view the gift that their class gave to the university. It is a remembrance of the years spent working for the degree that prepared you for the "real world," as well as a remembrance of the friends and good times had while at the university.

The Senior Class Gift

Committee, a volunteer committee of graduating seniors, is formed in late fall. Those students then solicit other graduating seniors in the Spring for contributions to the class gift.

The gift is chosen by committee members with the guidance of Patty Hamilton-Rodgers, our Alumni Director, and Dixie Sheridan, the Assistant Annual Fund Director. The Senior Class Committee includes: Pete Cady, Michelle Coleman, Dave Drahovsky, Christine Farrington, LeeAnna E.

Harris, Karen Krouse, James Moyer, Jessica Price, Amy Root, Jeanette Rosenau, Tara Shoemaker, Kim Swarts, Lori Watkins, and Krista Wheeler.

Any graduating senior can be a part of this committee as long as they are willing to solicit other students for contributions towards the gift.

All graduating seniors are asked to contribute toward this effort. Contributions toward this gift may be in any amount, and gives the graduates the opportunity to put an acknowledgement of thanks in the commencement program to those who have helped or supported them as a student.

A \$5 contribution gives the graduates the opportunity to have their name in a drawing for a Josten's class ring.

Putting an acknowledgement in the commencement program is a wonderful chance for our May and December graduates to pub-

licly thank those who have supported them through their college years. It is also the chance for those parents, friends, professors, or whoever it may be, to realize they have been appreciated.

Sheridan said, "As a parent myself, I know how proud other parents and friends would feel seeing an acknowledgement for their support." Any graduates that have not already contributed may still do so by sending their contributions to the Alumni House. Contributions will be accepted no later than April 14.

Please include your acknowledgement legibly. Due to limited space they must be no longer than 2 to 3 lines.

Contribute to the senior class challenge, and be a lasting part of Mansfield University. Contribute to the tradition of the Senior Class Gift and "Make Your Mark On Mansfield University In The New Millennium".

Childcare building nears completion

By MARIA VALENZANO
Flashlight Writer

A new child care facility is set to open Aug. 15. The center is located on the corner of Holden Place and Wilson Street, on the Mansfield University campus.

Construction of the facility began in February of this year, with both private contractors and with Mansfield University's own electricians and carpenters hard at work. At all times during the construction, there was a foreman on the site making sure that the workers were safe and that traffic problems did not occur.

The project has been overseen by Benjamin Jones, Director of Physical Plant Operations at Mansfield University. Throughout

any given day Jones stops by the facility to see how work is progressing.

The facility has been specially designed with children in mind, and will have enough room to hold between 30-40 children. There will be two outside play areas for children to run around in, a drop-off place for parents, and many more special features for the children. The facility will be run by a private group.

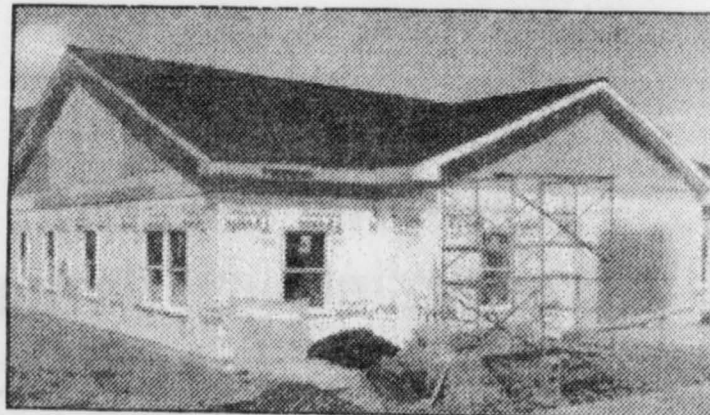
When construction is completed in August, Mansfield University will have a new added feature that will not only benefit employees but also students who have children.

Vice President for Student Affairs Joseph Maresco, speaking on WNTV-FM Monday night during

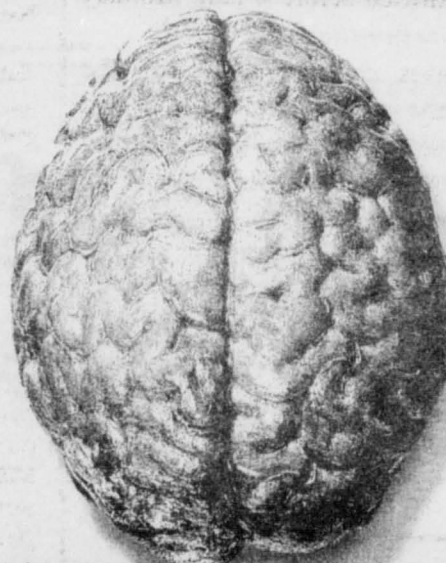
Tim Shaal's show, said the new facility is open first to students, then to employees and faculty, and if room permits, to the community.

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Completion of the university's child care center is set for Aug. 15. Crews are working on the interior as well as completing the landscaping and exterior.



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Commentary

To live or not to live in the dorms

By **JAQUELINE DUBOIS**

Dakota Student

(U. North Dakota)

(U-WIRE) GRAND FORKS, N.D. - The time of year has come when us dorm dwellers must sign up for next year's housing. Do we want to live in the dorms again? Do we have a choice? When sitting back and looking at this year's past I am forced to think to myself: "Do I really want to go through this all over again?" Are the dorms really so bad?

No, they aren't bad at all. It's the people you put in them that are bad. Think about it, you shove 32+ girls onto one floor asking them to live harmonious all year while sharing two bathrooms. That sounds as "kosher as Christmas" to me. Girls have this tendency to become snide and catty with one another. On my floor, two opposing sides have been formed: the east side and the west side. "Two different sides? How old are you? Exactly."

We were all friends at the beginning, but we have since drifted apart to the point we now are divided by sides. And we stick together. God forbid if an east-sider ate with a west-sider in the dining center. It would be a public disgrace. We have formed little "pet names" for each of the girls on the other side ranging from

"swimmer" to "ho bag."

Yes, yes immature, "I know. This whole dorm life set up has forced us to revert back to a junior high mentality. Other acts of dorm rivalry/stupidity have included the infamous marker thief, who stole everyone's white board markers, the stolen clocks from the bathrooms, a stolen toaster, profane messages written on the comment board about each side, and even hallway yelling matches.

Do I live in the dorm from hell? Yes I think so. (My apologies to the few normal people who live in my dorm). This set up has also led to friends being torn apart by silverware. What?

Yes that's right, there was this one girl who thought that someone stole one of her kitchen knives. Well this "victim of theft" proceeded to do a little investigating herself by going into the suspected perpetrator's room one day when she wasn't home and rummaging through her things. Hmmm, would friends do this to each other? Ah yes ... friends: the whole intended purpose of dorm life. And then there were the girls that thought it would be funny to tie two adjacent doors together with dental floss so the people inside wouldn't be able to get out in the morning. Welcome to summer camp kiddies.

But one of the most interesting displays of dorm room door rivalry was the time some of my east side posse and I went down use the floor's microwave and found a sign posted on the door. The sign read "West siders only. Microwave and toaster etc. not for east side use." Myself being an east-sider, I stood there and stared at this rendition of a "No girls allowed" tree house sign in disbelief. I used the microwave anyway, but did feel a little awkward about the whole deal.

There is also an obvious line where the division of east and west side lies. It's where a nice clean east side wall meets a 20-foot collage of Abercrombie and Fitch posters and catalog pull-outs, combined with other teeny bopper magazine pin ups.

Everyone should try living in the dorms at least once, I mean where else are you going to be able to wake up to a stereo blaring something called the "Thong Song" every morning. But come this time of year when we are pressed to make your living arrangements for next year, I feel hesitant to jump right back into the good 'ol dorm life with out some thought.

Oh yeah, and a merry shout out to the whole wide west side. What's the deal? Can't we all just get along?

A trip to the Puritan Shack

By **KAREN HOLGATE**
Flashlight Writer

The other day I was traveling along with a few friends. We were just coming back from the Arnot mall and a busy day of shopping. When what should come into view but the Puritan. Now for those of you who don't know this place has nothing to do with religion. It is otherwise known as Playtimes Boutique a notorious adult store.

We thought why not pay a visit? Check out the wares. An exploratory mission if you will. We wanted to form our own covert operations squad. Code name: Cherry. Operation: Peek-a-boo.

Now, I expected it to be dark and dingy. There would be all sorts of seedy characters hanging around. The clerk would be a greasy guy who needed a bath. And there would be an unpleasant odor hanging in the air.

Big disappointment. We enter the establishment and it's clean, well lit, and empty. There are two old guys behind the counter watching television. At first I think it might be porn but then I hear a distinctive voice say "Is that your final answer?" At this point I realize that they are actually watching Millionaire. (By the way I noticed they were playing along and didn't get a single answer right the entire time we were there.)

First, we go to the wall of porn. There is an entire wall dedicated to naked people on the cover of magazines with more naked people inside. They

have magazines for everything. Skinny women, Fat men, Big women, piercings, tattoos, and literally everybody type out there. And some of them specialize in fetishes. And there is some freaky stuff out there I didn't know existed. It was an education to say the very least.

Next we encountered a bargain bin of video tapes. Most of them are amateur tapes made by couples looking for quick cash. But adjacent to them is a cabinet with big budget movies. Or at least I think they are because they're locked up. And the titles are so funny. They went for parody of well known films and it's really very creative. The Madam's Family. Forrest Hump. Saving Ryan's Privates. And with those are some classics everyone has heard of. The infamous Debbie from Dallas has a few films on display.

We moved down the line to find some very interesting items on display. My attention is caught by the metallic purple beads that look like they belong at Mardi Gras. But when I read the label I find they have a whole other purpose that some of you may already know. I also found several rings that weren't for your fingers. Most interesting was the item that looked like a muzzle of sorts. It was actually billed as a leash for...well, I shouldn't have to tell you what it was for. There were also things I can't describe because they were too bizarre for words.

I was very perched by this section so I decided to move on to the next wall. Here I found a very strange swing. There was also a kit that showed you how to create your own torture

chamber. Some whips, cat-o-ninetails, and various handcuffs. I kinda dug the ones with fluffy pink stuff around them.

Then we found the blow-up dolls. Again there was a lot of variety. Some were cheap plastic you use a bicycle pump to inflate. And some were way expensive because apparently they were interactive. Don't ask me how because I don't want to know. And the strangest thing in this section was the blow-up sheep. They were down to their last one and I was a bit worried. But then it occurred to me at least now the real sheep don't have to worry.

Our group moved on to the final wall to find...well there really is no other way to say it...dildos and vibrators. They come in all shapes, sizes and colors. There was one that was day-glow yellow. And another that was the length of my entire arm. Some ran on batteries and others were manual. And some I wasn't sure exactly how they would work but they looked painful.

We left the show with a whole new perspective on the porn industry. And a few all-day-sucker pecker pops. It was a trip I'll never forget. Mostly because the products we encountered were so very odd. But also because it broke down the stereotype we had in our heads.

I highly recommend all of you stop in and investigate. It's on route 15 on the way to Coming. Just before the railroad tracks, ya can't miss it. It is a really strange place that will broaden your horizons and it's an experience not to be missed. Plus the pecker pops are great gifts.

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CAMPUS VOICES

Each week the feature staff of *The Flashlight* will be hitting the campus and finding out what YOU think.

What do you think of the policies restricting students from moving off campus?

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"Take a look at my picture and you'll know how I feel."
Lin Shields, sophomore, psychology



"I don't think there should be a restriction after your freshman year because you are an adult and should be able to decide for yourself."
Ryan Campbell-Tubbs, sophomore, undeclared

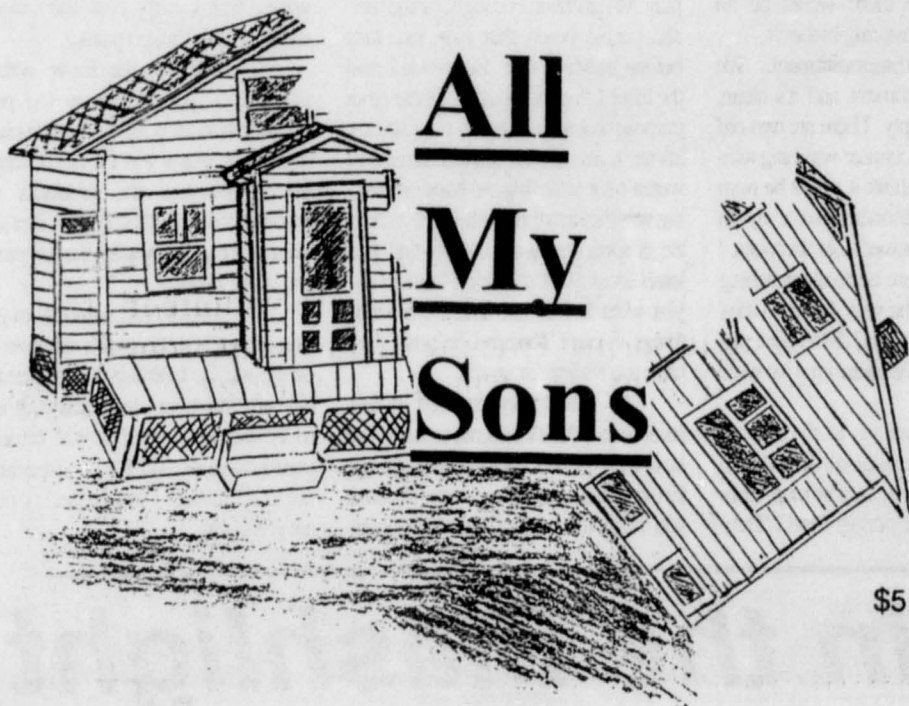


"I don't agree with them. No one should be able to say where I can and cannot live."
Jarod Alexander, sophomore, undeclared



"Students should be able to stay wherever they want to while they are in school."
Dai Reed, sophomore, psychology

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Organization Fair

In order to reserve space at next year's Organization Fair, sign up by contacting the Student Affairs Office at X4930. The Fair will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Monday, August 28 on the South Hall Mall. This will be a great opportunity to recruit new members - don't miss out!

Sci Tech Scholarship Grants

What? \$\$\$ for top PA residents in Science or Technology majors at MU. Are you? At least a full time sophomore with at least a 3.0 GPA? Did you? Graduate from a PA high school while obtaining at least a 3.0 GPA during your senior year? Want more info? Contact Darci Stephens (x4854) or Chris Vaughn (x4878). *Applications and listing of approved majors and additional information is available from either person*

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Held in Cedarcrest room G7A from 9-11:30 & 1-3 p.m. on April 12.

"Spring Kicks for Little Chicks"

The Tioga County Women's Coalition sponsors a FREE spring fair for children ages 2-7 years old. The event features games, contests and educational activities such as safety and personal boundaries. Lots of prizes awarded for various activities. Come join the fun on Tuesday, April 25 on the Green in Wellsboro.

Census Jobs are available

Part or full time work is available for four to six weeks in March and April at \$10 an hour with 32 and a half cents per mile for driving. Call 1-888-325-7733 for more information on the job and testing dates and sites on the Mansfield campus. Or you can call Marjorie Brown at 324-5443 or Donna at the Student Affairs Office.

Family and Friends

A support group based on those needing help dealing with their sexuality or those needing help dealing with a friend or family member's sexuality. We try to do fun activities based on others interests when we have enough interest to do so. Conferences/workshops are held dealing with different issues related to these or any topics that involve gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered topics. Meetings are at 3 p.m. on Fridays at the Women's Center in Pinecrest room 101. For more information call Misty at x5124 or Carolyn at 662-3983.

Ally Group

Stickers are placed on each ally's door to signify their incorporation with our program. If this sticker is on any ally's door, they are open minded and will talk to you about anything, dealing with sexuality. This sticker contains the phrase, "Open Mind, Open Door", along with an open door, signified by a rainbow. Any faculty not already part of this program can contact Misty and participate in our workshop. For more information call Misty at x5124 or Carolyn at 662-3983.

Hope House

Hope House is an emergency shelter that provides free shelter and respite for victims of domestic violence and their children. If you are a victim, or know of one, call TCWC at 724-3549 or 1-800-550-0447. All calls are free and confidential.

Voter Registration

Have you registered to vote in the November 2000 elections? If not, voter registration materials are available for both Pennsylvania residents and non-Pennsylvania residents at the main desk in the library. Voting is not only a privilege, it's a responsibility. Please register now and exercise your right to vote in the November elections.

Are you a victim of domestic violence?

Free legal counsel may be available to you. For more information, contact the Tioga County Women's Coalition at 724-3549 or 1-800-550-0447. All calls are free and confidential.

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ARIES (born between 21st March and 20th April):

Has it been hard to understand someone close? Have there been doubts or a feeling that you were growing apart? If so, today's events will help you sense something new and wonderful is developing between you two, banishing such neurotic thoughts from your mind forever.

TAURUS (born between 21st April and 21st May):

Someone needs to be reminded that people and feelings are often more important than status symbols and material possessions. A sixth sense should warn you not to be too quick to agree to newly proposed projects as someone makes a decision for all the wrong reasons.

GEMINI (born between 22nd May and 21st June):

You could unwittingly get mixed up in something which might be interpreted by some as emotional blackmail. If you can't get folks to agree with your ideas, look for a way to compromise. If you try to force the issue by using unethical or immoral means, it will only backfire on you.

CANCER (born between 22nd June and 23rd July):

A discrepancy with the boss or other superior turns out to be a storm in a teacup, so don't let your sensibilities get out of hand or too obsessed with getting your own back. At least a friend's small but touching gesture will warm your heart.

LEO (born between 24th July and 23rd August):

Someone urges you to discuss beliefs or ideals and, although reluctant, it could lead to a stimulating discussion or fresh discovery about them. Don't get the hump if your ideas are challenged. Instead, enjoy the chance to stretch your mind and imagination, and learn.

VIRGO (born between 24th August and 23rd September):

Financial or legal affairs may have been a sore point lately, and, naturally, you'll have asked yourself with increasing monotony whether you should have been so hard or relentless. Today you could find out how right you were to do so leaving you with a marked degree of relief.

LIBRA (born between 24th September and 23rd October):

Pay close attention to relationships and the emotional areas of life. It's important not to make those you care about feel used, abused or taken for granted. Do this by demonstrating your feelings more openly and explaining the reasons behind what it is you ask of them.

SCORPIO (born between 24th October and 22nd November):

You might get the impression that changes are afoot yet nothing official has been said to confirm this. Is your imagination playing tricks on you? Either discuss your concerns with someone in a position to clarify the matter or turn your attentions where you'd feel more appreciated.

SAGITTARIUS (born between 23rd November and 21st December):

The bad news is that cash seems to cause nothing but hassle and arguments at the moment. If facing demands ask to sleep on material matters as things will seem to make so much more sense in the morning. The good news: romance blossoms and provides a welcome outlet for inner tension.

CAPRICORN (born between 22nd December and 20th January):

Someone close gets out of the wrong side of the bed and act like a bear with a sore head. They really are a pain but don't rise to the bait. If you stick to what you want to do and leave them to their own devices you'll soon have them eating out of the palm of your hand.

AQUARIUS (born between 21st January and 19th February):

Despite an abundance of ideas swirling around your head, your staying power is depleted and sadly lacking. Even more so if you are contemplating any kind of work-based scheme; be content to discuss and dream, but leave it for another day to put such plans into action.

PISCES (born between 20th February and 20th March):

If you're handling cash, in commerce or retail then be sure to keep both feet on the ground. Either bargains are not all they appear to be or you could end up dealing with a shifty character. Hesitate and you may well saving yourself both money and mortification.

Special Olympics of Tioga County

is looking for individuals or groups to volunteer at their Annual Spring Track & Field Event from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Thursday, April 27. Escorts and groups to run activities at the event are needed.

For more information or to sign up, contact Tanya at 662-3639 or stop by Retan Center 213.

'Black & White' successful, but far from cohesive

Film Review
By **SAMUEL MCKEWN**
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(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. --

Watching James Toback's "Black and White" is to witness a pop-culture volcano erupt unmitigated. There's rappers playing rappers, rappers playing gangsters, models playing students, a pretty baby playing a filmmaker, Bijou Phillips playing a pretty baby and Mike Tyson playing himself.

It is, then, quite a good thing that Toback's medley of stories all portray a rift in the pop culture this movie immerses itself in - specifically the hip-hop culture of black America and its gradual embrace by white suburbia.

Long thought of as the Hunter S. Thompson of the film industry, Toback offers no genuine revelations on the status of race relations; rather, he takes what is known, or thought to be accepted, and shoots at it from an alternate direction. Or improvises it.

In other words, his is a drug-addled, 45-degree approach - a mix of scathing and straight-faced. Unfocused and loose-fitting, "Black and White" is an incomplete picture with motivations not fully known and conclusions purposely left undone - much unlike the cynic-friendly, catchier brethren that holds "American Beauty" as a charter member.

The result is a hodge-podge of multiracial dramas - ones I'm not entirely sure could exist in real time - about where the pop pulse is and who's on it. And in Toback's vision, the hip-hop of New York calls the shots with a little help from Tyson, in a strange and effective cameo.

There's enough movie bait for three movies, but a few major players emerge, and most of them

move through the life of music producer/gangster Rich Bower (rapper Power and member of the Wu-Tang Clan), who's introduced in the first scene as the male protagonist between two white girls in a Central Park threesome.

One of the groupies (Phillips) heads home to luxury, complete with black butlers and quail dinners, where she talks smack to Daddy and plays phone tag with male callers. Later, she admits to a teacher her whole lifestyle is a transitory phase: "I'll get over it. I'm a kid in America."

Bower's entourage grows larger to include college basketball star Dean (Allan Houston), who's about to walk into a point-shaving sting employed by a cop (Ben Stiller) looking for redemption. Model

Claudia Schiffer is Dean's girlfriend, Greta, an anthropology student whose ideas of manhood leave casualties in their wake.

On the periphery are the white wannabes, who stake out the NYC wall to prove their loyalty to the black code. One brother tandem (Eddie K. Thomas and William Lee Scott) are particularly involved.

And much of it is caught on tape by documentary filmmaker Sam Donager (a game Brooke Shields), while her obviously gay husband (Robert Downey Jr.) tags along and has a too-close encounter with Tyson.

The plot evolves in bits and pieces, until everyone is eventually thrown in the same pot to simmer. Plot devices are hardly the point, though - "Black and White" cares not about a driving story. Characters are dropped and added along the way. Not the point. Toback's vibe is.

The movie is all feel, and individual scenes contain hilarity and truth, though not necessarily connected with scenes before or

after. Tyson's appearances - he has three major ones - take on a life of their own, especially in an encounter with Power's character, who asks for advice. Tyson replies in his typical cryptic lingo: "What I'm disseminating from your vernacular..."

Free-form verse, courtesy of Wu-Tang Clan member Raekwon, provides the movie's key monologues, filmed voice-overs, if you will. And Shields' hand-held camera images provide the second filter of the film - an even higher intensity from the whites who yearn to get close to blacks.

"Black and White" bursts with too many ideas to stay without flaw. There are useless tangents and subplots. Talent like Elijah Wood is wasted on minor characters. The ending is abrupt. Greta makes choices that the script cannot justify. The film seems content, even obligated, to leave some motivations unexplained, maybe because, in reality, they cannot always be explained.

It has driven a few critics to skewer the movie in two. Others laud it. I consider myself in the latter group, of the belief that "Black and White" chooses to float amidst the hip-hop madness and expose it for the cliché it is becoming. Toback, wisely, doesn't re-invent the genre but tries to demystify it. If it's pop culture, chances are we'll all get over it, eventually. And go right back in.

As Tyson says, "It's an age-old tale - deceit and treachery." "Black and White" plays that self-awareness out to its very end - that in pop culture, a few lines can sum up the entire story. Consider Toback's film a shining example.

No Doubt is going to 'Return to Saturn'

CD Review
By **JOAH KORR**
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(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. -- Here is an actual chorus from Return to Saturn, No Doubt's latest, meek grasp at stardom. Um, I mean, from the band's follow up to its now 5-year-old smash CD Tragic Kingdom: "Today is my birthday/And I get one every year/And some day.../Hard to believe/But I'll be buried six feet underground." Here's another: "It's too late now/I don't think it can fade/It's too real now/Fulfillment just adds fuel to the blaze."

Not impressed? I'd try to do better, but Saturn is awash with vague, banal lyrics like these that would make my creative writing class cringe. The ska/neo-punk trend that No Doubt rode to platinum success has long since been trampled in the mosh pit of Britney, Backstreet and Bizkit, and Gwen Stefani is hopelessly lost in the shameless world of Pop America 2000.

I don't usually start with the lyrics when I listen to a CD, especially if it's from a pop group. After all, pop's hallmarks are annoying hooks and catchy riffs, not Dylanesque, lyrical tongue-twisters.

But when there's barely a single catchy melody on a 60-minute album; when I put down my earphones and start humming a song I listened to the day before, where else am I supposed to turn?

Stefani's brother, Eric, who co-wrote some of Tragic Kingdom, is credited for just one song here. Without him, Gwen is as lost as a chicken wandering around a bathhouse with two shoes on the wall. Ack -- now she's rubbing off on me.

After the reggae-tinged "Bathwater" and the wanna-be "Spiderwebs" sequel "Six Feet Under" (which contains the first quote from above), the rest of the CD is mostly Stefani warble-rapping her way through vapid confessions of wanting a husband ("Marry Me"), of wondering who she is inside ("Magic's In The Makeup"), and of not trusting herself ("Artificial Sweetener").

I guess her voice is supposed to sound sultry, but when the songs have no real melody -- as on "Staring Problem" and "Comforting Lie" -- she sounds more like a constipated 7-year-old on a bumpy bus ride than a sexy diva.

"Dark Blue," which features electronic harps and clavichords straight out of a Super Nintendo game, is a wholly unassuming closer. Stefani sings, "I'm loathing most of your history/Hesitation, but then you siphon me/Your potential, well I'll indulge in that/Violent timing explains the aftermath."

OK, let's take a look this. What is "your potential?" What is the "violent timing?" Why is she hesitating? Is she siphoning literal, or is it a metaphor? What part of his history does she loath?

There are no concrete images that help me picture what she's trying to say; she uses abstract terms and vague images so she doesn't have to say what she really thinks (to be fair, do we really want to know what's going on in that neon pink head of hers?).

If Interscope lets No Doubt make another CD, Gwen should drop by my class for some pointers. And if that fails, she can always get Christina Aguilera's people to write her a chart-topper or two.

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Flashlight SPORTS

Lady Mounties have split success

MU Softball looks good and bad in doubleheader split with Millersville

By **DARREN A. DeVOUE**
Sports Editor

The Mansfield softball team split a double-header with Millersville, this past Thursday at Lutes Field. The Lady Mounties own a 3-5 conference record and are 11-9 overall. The first game, which Mansfield won 6-2, was an exhibition of execution, as MU was tough on offense and defense. The second game, a 6-3 MU loss, was marred by blunders and mistakes as MU committed three errors and left 11 baserunners stranded.

Megan Williams looked like Kenny Lofton in the first game, sparking the Lady Mountie offense with leadoff singles and stolen bases. She was 2-3 in the

opening game with two runs scored and two stolen bases. Williams leadoff single in the bottom of the first started her team's onslaught. Slugger supreme, Kim Swarts stepped up to the plate and smacked a homer that brought her and Williams home, and MU was up 2-0.

In the top of the third, Millersville rode a leadoff walk and a double to two runs to knot the scoring up at two apiece. Williams and Swarts responded again. Williams hit another lead-off single, and then stole second. Swarts had that *deja vu* feeling as she smacked another homer to put MU up 4-2. Mansfield added two insurance runs from Jessica Ricker and Rosie Pagana to conclude the games scoring.

On the mound, Kelly Morris was again a stalwart, going the distance and fanning five Millersville batters while scattering five hits across the seven innings. Morris upped her season record to seven wins and five losses with the victory.

Mansfield likely let one get away in the second game. The top of the first inning was probably a harbinger for the rest of the game. Millersville's second batter reached base on an error, and was brought home by the next batter's triple. A sacrifice fly later and the Lady Marauders were enjoying a 2-0 advantage. Williams looked like Ricky Henderson in a contract dispute in the second game, going 1-4 with

no runs scored. Williams wasn't the only one who had a tough nightcap game. Pitcher Lindsay Dempsey took her lumps on the mound for MU giving up six earned runs on six hits. Dempsey was not helped by the three errors committed by her usually dependable infield.

Swarts was at it again in the second game going 2-3 with two runs scored. For the two-game set, Swarts was 4-6 with four runs batted in (RBI), four runs scored, and two homeruns.

MU's offense suffered in the latter innings. Eight of the 11 runners that MU stranded were from the fourth inning on, which usually makes it tough on a rally.

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Photo provided
Kim Swarts smacked two lollipop pitches for homeruns vs.

The forecast this week calls for wins

Baseball stands at second place in PSAC at 4-2 after 3-1 week



Photo provided
Bill Allen owns a 4-1 record.

Nicole Cortese
Flashlight Writer

Rain, Rain, and more Rain! This is the problem the Mansfield University baseball team faces from starting, let alone finishing their games. Due to the snow... whoops... rain... Mansfield's PSAC East doubleheader against Shippensburg University was postponed. Despite the rain or snow in April the Mounties have managed to put wins in the "W" column every chance they get.

Last Thursday the Mounties traveled to SUNY-Binghamton in a non-conference game. Mansfield was triumphant, as

they broke out the brooms and swept the doubleheader, 13-2 and 8-4. Don Frank walked tall and carried a big aluminum bat. He smashed out five RBIs to lead the Mounties surge.

The surge began mid-way through the opener when six runs trotted in during the fifth inning. This boosted the Mounties into a commanding lead of 10-2. Scott Costa "WOW"ed the crowd with a hitting display. He showed their is more to him than just a strong arm as he pounded out a double and a home run. He went 2-3 at the plate and batted in four runs for the Mounties. Frank had three of his two RBIs in the open-

er, batting 2-5 at the plate and Cory Goodman stepped up scoring two runs for the Mounties and putting on a 3-5 performance in the batter's box.

Adam Lewis, Chris Hafich and Eddie Frame ended the game, each registering two hits. As for the performance on the mound, Chad Parker took home his first victory of the season, pitching three and two-thirds innings.

In the nightcap, Chad Swogger waited until the seventh inning to swing the game winning hit, an RBI single win one out to give the Mounties a 7-6 lead. Derrick Nace put two more

insurance runs on the board when he drilled a double. R.J. Lee chalked up a double for himself and Frank ended his day with a two-run home-run.

Shawn Wettig added another win to his record, bringing his total to four, as he pitched scoreless ball the last two innings of play.

Mansfield University started their week of winnings off when they split a doubleheader with East Stroudsburg last Wednesday. The opener went to the Mounties with an 11-8 victory, as they dropped in the nightcap 13-1.

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Track team takes the triangular route

MU finishes third in three-way meet with Shippensburg and Millersville despite strong efforts

By **NICOLE CORTESE**
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University track and field team is breaking records and making their climb to the top. The track and field team competed at the Shippensburg Mansfield-Millersville Triangular this past Saturday afternoon.

April 8, 2000 marked Mansfield's third place spot in both the men's and women's competition, but it will also go into the record books for Mansfield University sports. Kim Carman broke the school's

pole vault record. Carman is not only breaking school records, she is shattering her own. Last season she set her own record at 8-0, but at Saturday's competition she leaped 8-6.

The women's team kept the intensity high as Sarah Sokoloski took home the victory in the 3,000-meter run in 11:07.78. Kelly Maines was in gazelle mode as she placed second in the 100-meter hurdles, while the strong arm of the all-around athlete Brandy Lingenfelter, finished fourth in the shot put and fifth in the discus.

On the other side of the

track, the Kyle Kintner had a "field" day with the competition. He was the only person who maintained a first-place finish for the men's team. He leaped 13'6" in the pole vault and placed fourth in the high jump. Eric Franitti backed his teammate up, placing second in the pole vault.

Their third place ranking at last Saturday's competition is only the beginning for the Mansfield University track and field team. They will host Lock Haven and Bloomsburg this Wednesday at 3 p.m. in hopes to get the records soaring to success.



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Lamar Crawford and the Mounties have an upcoming home meet.

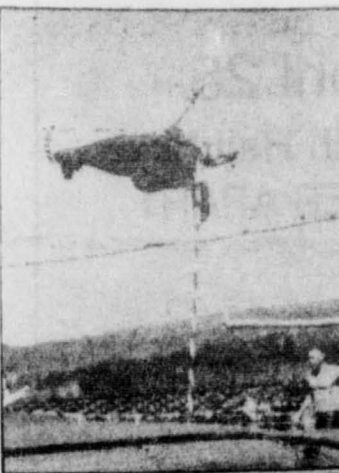


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Kim Carman established a new record in the pole vault this week.

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I would like to thank all the little people

Student-athletes receive awards at the Winter Sports Banquet

By **DARREN A. DeVOUE**
Sports Editor

It was that time of the year, once again. The time when student-athletes, coaches, trainers, and supporters gathered for the Winter Sports Banquet of the 1999-2000 season. Each Winter sport (Indoor Track, Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, and Swimming) was represented by their respective coaches. The coaches presented the Most Improved and Most Valuable Player awards to a student-athlete within each sport. The banquets most prestigious awards came in the form of the Female and Male Winter athletes of the year.

Roger Maisner performed the duty of Master of Ceremonies, and kicked off the festivities for the evening.

Roger Marist, cheerleading coach (along with his wife Bonnie), was the first program leader to recognized one of his charges. "For the first time in our (He and Mrs. Marist's) 11 years here, we had the same roster end the season, that began the season," Marist divulged to the audience. Another MU athletic-related program reaches a milestone.

Cheerleading recognized two Most Valuable Players, and no Most Improved Players. Billie Kasten and Kelly Corssley were named the co MVP's for cheerleading in the 1999-2000



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Danita Fox, Jaime Ragukonis, and Roger Maisner put on their photogenic faces as Ragukonis was recognized as the Female Winter Athlete of the Year.

season.

The second coach for the evening was Indoor Track's Jim Taylor. Taylor was extremely excited with the success of his men's and women's indoor team, due to the fact that they had no indoor facilities to practice on. A situation such as that would especially effect sprinters and vaulters. "I always say it's like having a basketball team with balls and no courts," said Taylor. "We are blessed to have a bunch of hard workers who persevere," he continued, apparently describing his whole program as well as the athletes who were about to receive awards.

Karen Krouse was awarded the Most Improved Player for the Women's Indoor Track program. Krouse became the school record holder in the 20

pound weight (the indoor version of the hammer) this past season with a throw of 36'0 & 3/4" in February at the Koehler Indoor Track and Field Classic (East Stroudsburg University).

The Most Valuable Player for the 199-2000 Indoor Track Team was senior Kim Carman. Carman started off the indoor season with a bang qualifying for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) meet and tying the school record in the pole vault, clearing 7'6". Carman would tied the school record a second time later in the season. She was a consistent high finisher in the pole vault as well as the high jump, which supplied her team with helpful points.

Kyle Kitner was recognized by Taylor as the Most



Darren A. DeVoue/The Flashlight
Roger Marist and Kelly Corssley.

Improved Player on the Men's Indoor Track Team. Kitner was a force in the pole vault for MU this past indoor season. He led the men's vaulters to a first place finish at the DuCharme Relays at Dickinson College this past January. Kitner broke the school record in the event twice, first at the Koehler Classic vaulting 13'9". He smashed the new record at the ECAC meet clearing a mark of 14'7". He finished fourth at the ECAC meet.



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Ruth Henderson and Allyson Buss.

Kitner also put his long legs to use by earning several high finishes in the 55 meter dash and the long jump to help his team's cause. Kitner was unable to attend due to football practice, where he is providing the MU receiving corps with much needed size and speed.

Men's Indoor Track found its MVP in the form of Lamar Crawford. The versatile Crawford would probably be better described as invaluable to MU

Indoor Track. He consistently posted high finishes in the long, triple, and high jump events. Crawford also ran the 55 meter dash, recording points for Mansfield. He currently holds five individual indoor school records. Crawford displayed his team's selflessness when, while accepting his award, he whispered



Darren A. DeVoue/The Flashlight
Jim Taylor and Lamar Crawford.

into Taylor's ear, "I thought someone else should have won it."

Danita Fox, formerly Danita Pokorny, took over the microphone to present the awards



Darren A. DeVoue/The Flashlight
Jim Taylor and Kim Carman.

for MU Swimming. "We did just what we wanted to this year... made history," said Fox. Her six woman squad established seven new records in the swimming annals. Fox gave credit to former MU Basketball great, Steve Shannon, for his service as the team's Strength and Conditioning Coach.

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Master of Ceremonies, Roger Maisner, prepares to put the conclusion on the festivities.

Banquet

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The Most Improved Player for swimming was freshman Cristina Jacome. Jacome was ineligible to participate until January. In her first competition, Jacome finished first in the 50 yard freestyle and the 200 freestyle. For remainder of the season, Jacome would attain first-place finishes at least twice in all but one meet. That one meet, Jacome finished with one first-place finish. She was also the anchor on the 400 yard relay team, that would establish the new school record at the PSAC championship meet.

Jaime Ragukonis was named the MVP for swimming. She recorded first place finishes in the 50 free, 100 free, 100

breaststroke, 200 free, 500 free a whopping 16 total times. Ragukonis recorded 162 points this past season, and scored in all three of the individual events that she competed in at the PSAC meet. Ragukonis lead MU to its school-best eighth place at the PSAC meet. She has one year of eligibility left, and Fox announced to the audience that the senior will return next season.

Maisner then took a moment to recognize Athletic Mentor Deb Rotella, and Sports Information Director Steve McCloskey for their invaluable contributions to MU athletics. "Deb keeps my athletes in line, and that is a hard job," Men's Basketball Coach, Vince Alexander would later say to those in attendance.

Before Alexander would present his Most Improved and Most Valuable awards, he and Women's Coach, Ruth Henderson, took a moment to recognize two people. Halstead and Vice President of Development Leslie Fulmer were presented with commemorative posters of MU's centennial season of basketball, autographed by each team. Halstead and Fulmer were responsible for attaining the financial support for the 100th season of MU hoops.

After the presentations, Alexander spoke of his Most Improved Player. "Not one person recruited him out of high school," said Alexander. Alex Goodman apparently put the shun job behind him this season. Six times this past season Goodman posted double-figure in both rebounds and points in the same game. He shot a solid .34 from three-point range, and led the Mountaineers in rebounding with an average of 7.1 a game.

Interestingly, the MVP for basketball, was the team. Apparently Alexander is in search of a leader.

Ruth Henderson was the last coach to present awards. Henderson spoke of her first season with an interesting perspective. "In past seasons we were losing by big margins. This season, we were competitive. In that respect the losing was harder than we were losing big." At this rate, losing will become unacceptable for the improving Lady Mounties. The 4-8 PSAC record that the team posted this season was the second best in MU history, paced by a school best 3-0 start. MU was in the playoff hunt until late in the season.



Darren A. DeVoue/The Flashlight
Vince Alexander and Ruth Henderson brought gifts.

Freshman Lynelle Mosely was named Most Improved Player for Women's Basketball. Fortunately for MU, Lynelle resisted the temptation to be close to home at West Chester University, and chose the School on the Mountaintop. Mosely started 24 of the 26 games for MU. In 659 minutes of play, Mosely committed only 77 turnovers. Her outside shooting improved with the progression of the season. She shot .457 from three-point range during the conference part of the season, as opposed to .328 in the non-conference season. Mosely was a two-time PSAC Freshman of the Week this past season, garnering the honors in December and February.

The MVP of Lady Mountie basketball was Allyson Buss. Buss had a solid all-around season. She ranked in the PSAC East in four top statistical categories. Buss was fifth in the with a 12.8 per game scoring average, second in free-throws shooting .832, third in three-point shooting (.336), and fifth in assist-to-turnover ratio. Buss' free-throw percentage was the best of any MU player, male or female.

The moment everyone had waited for had arrived as it was time to select the male and female, Winter Athletes of the Year.

For the male gender, Tommy Harvey was named Winter Athlete of the Year.

Harvey was a preseason All-America selection, and led MU in scoring (18.7 points per game), assists (4.8 per game), steals (2.7 per game), and three-point field goals (67). Harvey's scoring average placed him third in the PSAC. For the fourth time in his career, Harvey was an All-PSAC selection. The senior finished his career as a member of the MU All-Century Team, as well as the career leader in points (1,778), steals (272), free throws made (427), and three-point field goals made (253).

On the ladies side, Ragukonis was named Winter Athlete of the Year. "Her performance at the PSAC meet is what sealed it for her," said McCloskey.

The Most Improved and Most Valuable awards were decided by each program's head coach, and any serving assistants.

The Winter Athletes of the Year are determined by a four-member panel. The panel consists of Head Trainer Laurie Zalapynski, Sports Information Director McCloskey, Associate Athletic Director Bernie Sabol, and Athletic Director Maisner.

According to Maisner, the criteria that determines the athlete of the year award is, "what is accomplished this season. It can sometimes be a thankless committee," continued Maisner. "What makes the decision most

Softball

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The Lady Mounties better loosen up quickly, because the two toughest schools on their slate, Kutztown, and defending PSAC champ Shippensburg will

come calling within the next week and one-half. If they can pull out victories in those series it will go along way towards forecasting the outcome for the rest of this crucial conference season.

Baseball

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Bill Allen was in the spotlight as he posted his first-game relief victory. He can add this to his other victories to up his record to 4-1. He pitched the last three innings, allowing no earned runs and only two hits. He had three strikeouts.

In the first game, the Mounties took control scoring in five of the seven innings. In the sixth inning Frank played hero again when he batted in two run on a double. Lewis crossed the

plate twice for the Mounties as Frame doubled that. Nace was the big hitter, going 2-4 with two runs and a double and a triple. Costa trailed behind Nace with a double and two RBIs.

In the nightcap, east Stroudsburg took control from the beginning, jumping out to a 4-1 lead. After ESU's performance in the fourth and fifth innings, the game was out of reach. Mansfield only chalked up one run, by Hafich.

Mansfield finishes out their week second in the PSAC East standings with a 4-2 mark.

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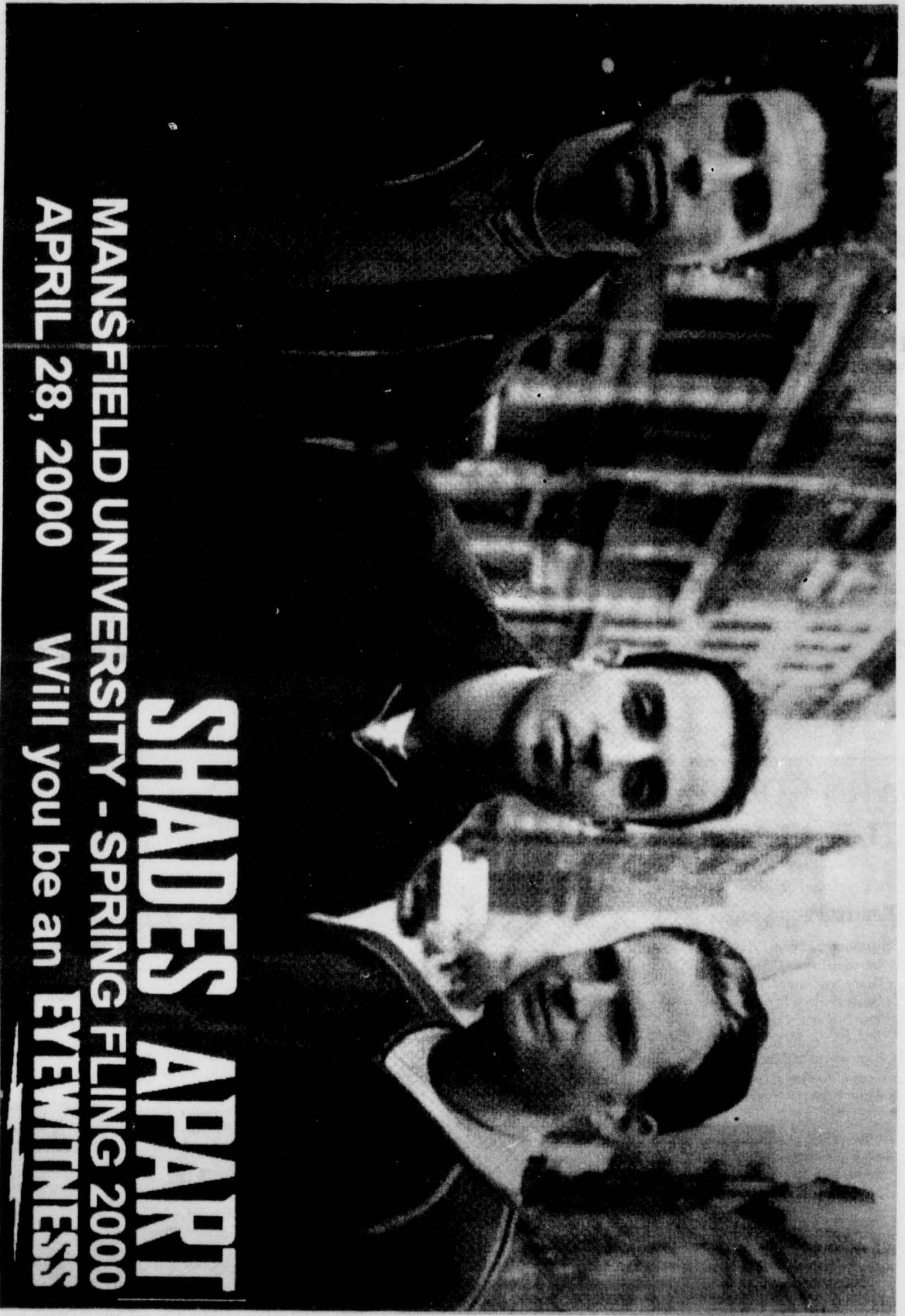


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A black and white photograph of three young men standing side-by-side, dressed in formal suits and ties. They are all looking directly at the camera with neutral expressions. The background is slightly out of focus, showing what appears to be a building with a grid-like structure, possibly a window or a fence.

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Murray named interim provost

Dennis Murray has been appointed interim provost and vice president for academic affairs at Mansfield University.

The appointment takes effect June 5 but Murray will actually begin working in the Provost's Office on May 22. This will provide an opportunity for him to work with outgoing provost Joseph Moore, who will depart the office on June 2 to become



MURRAY

Halstead said, "I am very pleased

President of Empire State College.

In making the announcement, Mansfield President John

that Dr. Murray was willing to respond positively to my request that he serve as interim provost. He is a very respected faculty member and colleague who understands well the University, our diverse student population, the region we serve, and our public mission. I have every confidence in Denny's ability to provide academic leadership

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Alumni Student Center was opened for a brief preview Monday and will be in full use for the Summer Term.

Spring Fling draws near Festivities begin at 3 p.m. on Friday

Spring Fling 2000 will be held from 3 to 10 p.m. on Friday, April 28 from 3 to 10 p.m.

Amy Farley, a member of the Spring Fling 2000 planning board, said volunteers are still needed for the event.

"We are still actively searching for volunteers," Farley said.

Games, events and lots of giveaways are in store for this year's Spring Fling. Along with wax hands and a big chair for photo opportunities, there will be a dash for cash and a rock climb. A Pie-In-The-Face Contest, run by the Flashlight, is being held to help a Mansfield University student purchase a service dog.

There are three different bands performing at Spring Fling 2000, beginning at 3 p.m. with the Trinidad Steel Drum Band. Loni Gamble and Sound Cheque will also perform, followed by headliners Shades Apart at 8 p.m. Shades Apart can be heard on the "American Pie" soundtrack.

"I am hoping for a huge turnout and I hope that a lot of people have a lot of fun," said



Some of the happy faces at last year's Spring Fling

Tim Shaal, a member of the Spring Fling planning board.

A cookout style dinner will be served outside for students with their IDs. Dinner is provided by AraMark.

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May 4, 1 p.m.

Psychology professor faces wiretap charges

Mansfield University Psychology professor Richard N. Feil, 63, faces three felony wiretap charges after police say he videotaped parts of a local seminar on communicating with spirits, and later showed the videotape to his students.

State police at Mansfield said Thursday they had charged Feil with three counts of unlawful "interception, disclosure or use of wire,



FEIL

out the knowledge of the subjects, a violation of Pennsylvania's wire-

electronic or oral communication." The charges, filed Wednesday, essentially accuse Feil of recording voices with-

tap laws.

Feil admitted taping parts of the session and showing the video to students, State Police Criminal Investigator Todd Wagaman wrote in an affidavit of probable cause attached to the criminal complaint.

On advice of Feil's attorney, William R. Stokes II of Wellsboro, the professor had no

comment. Stokes said the police investigation was off base.

"Dr. Feil is the victim of a poorly drafted wiretapping statute," Stokes said. "Instead of investigating Dr. Feil, the police should be looking at these people who take money from other people on the pretense of putting them in touch with angels and spirits and dead people."

Both Joan Grego, owner of the studio where the seminar was held, and David Lowell, a speaker at the event, declined comment Thursday.

Mansfield District Justice James E. Carlson arraigned Feil and released him on \$5,000 unsecured bail. Carlson scheduled a preliminary hearing for 10 a.m. Wednesday.



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Associate Provost set for retirement

By LES WILLIAMS
Flashlight Writer

"Time and trouble will tame an advanced young woman, but an advanced old woman is uncontrollable by any earthly force." - Dorothy L. Sayers. This is what our associate provost uses as her motto going into retirement.

Having been here at Mansfield University for 29 years, she heads off to her retreat by the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon, for a summer's worth of meditation and relaxation. The many friends she has made here since arriving in 1971 will help assist her battle with



Dr. LINCK

Though she is done working on May 10, she has a full slate of activities scheduled for the summer. Her son is driving out from Kansas, and the two will drive clear across the United States. She just bought a new car that goes from zero to 60

in 7 seconds, and she can not wait to try it out on the highway. On those country roads, you can see for miles, so why not? Odds are, she will not be sitting in the passenger seat for the trip. Eventually, the grandmother of 2 would love to take an extended vacation with her 13 year old granddaughter.

Dr. Linck is going to be out in Kansas another time this summer, as an ordained minister, she will be presiding over the matrimonial ceremonies of her daughter, something she is very honored to do. She has been an ordained episcopalian minister since 1990, and assists at the church here in Mansfield

for the past six years.

Battling colon cancer, since 1994, and dealing with the various surgeries she has endured, a "pioneer spirit" has been keeping her going since her days growing up in Missouri. This is probably why she is taking that extended road trip. She feels kids need to travel more. Her advice is: GO. "If there is any one thing I would encourage kids to do is to take adventures." Meaning take risks, get away from home, get in the car and go. Dr. Linck has always been a risk taker, including coming out east and interviewing for a job here based on a friend's advice. With no full time

job leaving all of her family in the midwest, she came to Mansfield University, then 3 days after her interview, she was hired to teach home economics and management. Then, the "aging rowdy" was promoted to her current job, and the whole experience was simply; "meant to be."

The faculty has been very supportive, throwing numerous parties, and encouraging E-mail letters. Her graduate assistants have been very helpful, and she will miss them. The process to find a successor is going to be very long, but after sitting down and talking with her, she is impossible to

Special Olympics begin this week

By DANIEL AMIDON
Flashlight Writer

This spring's annual Tioga County Special Olympics Track and Field events competition will take place at 9 a.m., April 26 at Karl Van Norman Field. The opening ceremony will consist of a Law Enforcement Torch Run, which will begin at the Mansfield Green and proceed through town until reaching the field. Local law enforcement officers will pass the torch to four of the Olympic athletes upon arrival and the runners

will carry it around the track. The events will be running, walking, and softball throwing. This year's competition will have 167 athletes from Tioga County. 500 volunteers are expected to aid in the event.

Tanya Wessells, the Volunteer Coordinator for the Special Olympics, is very active in Tioga County Special Olympics, and has been for three years. She attributes her interest in the program to being a special education major and to the rewards of helping others.

"Since 1978 the numbers of athletes has been steadily rising and this year's competition will be the biggest yet," states Wessells. Wessells is also the coach of the Tioga County Special floor hockey, bowling, basketball, swimming, and golf teams.

Mansfield University is donating the use of the Van Norman facilities and lunch will also be donated to the athletes.

If any campus organizations would like to adopt a Special Sports team, contact Wessells at 662-3639.

Town meeting grades Mansfield Plan with B-

By AGGIE BOYETTE

The university is making significant progress toward meeting the goals of the Mansfield Plan.

A report card on plan progress was presented at a Town Meeting Tuesday in the refurbished Alumni Hall. Officials graded progress a B-, noting areas of accomplishment and progress.

University president John Halstead hosted the session.

The place is evidence of goal progress, according to Joseph Maresco, vice president for student affairs. The new Student Center is part of the facilities goal and student experience goal.

Provost Dr. Joseph Moore said the university now admit more community college students than any other state System of higher Education institution. Moore noted, too, the admission goal of more than 3,000 students has been met and the university has enrolled more than 3,200 students this academic year and is pointing toward enrolling 3,500.

Moore and Maresco each commented on the diversity goal, discussing recruitment for minority students as been expanded beyond Philadelphia and into all northeastern Pennsylvania. The university's goal is 10 percent minority presence, and the current enrollment is 6.7 percent. A year ago, minority students represented 6.5 percent of enrollment.

Maresco spoke at length on student life issues in the plan, including efforts to improve student decision making in academics and alcohol use. He highlighted seminar efforts for first year students in time management and study habits and discussed the new Alcohol 101 program using an interactive CD program for alcohol offenders.

"We hope students learn to adjust their decision-making, but that doesn't mean we don't occasionally have to 'lower the boom,'" he said.

Student affairs treats repeat alcohol offenders with a "Phase Two" program in collaboration with the counseling center.

Maresco said an alcohol-related incident off-campus several weeks ago has resulted in the separation of two students from the university.

Maresco announced the Equity in Athletics Task Force has completed its study under federal Title IX guidelines. A report has been submitted to President Halstead and the vice presidents. Maresco said he thought a final plan would be ready by the end of the semester. In a question and answer period following the vice presidents' reports, President Halstead said it may take the cabinet more time than Maresco mentioned to complete the gender equity plan.

Finance Vice President Stephen Bronn pointed to the completed facilities plan as a real accomplishment, adding construction of the child care center, two new parking areas and completed plans for the faculty-staff parking garage as progress.

Bronn said all residence hall rooms will be wired for Internet service during then summer, and fire sprinklers are being planned for installation next year. Bronn cautioned the faculty and staff the state revenue stream for the coming year will be tight. You can't spend "like drunken sailors," he said.

Vice President for University Development Leslie Fulmer outlined fund development progress. She said Mansfield has increased its endowment by 52 percent in three years. The gain has improved Mansfield's position in the SSHE assessments.

Fulmer said the Mansfield Foundation has provided \$420,000 for scholarship support and \$120,000 unrestricted funds supporting student programs.

As of March 31, the University has raised \$1.3 million, Fulmer said. She she expected that figure to hit \$1.5 million before the year ends.

Murray

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and work in a collegial fashion with faculty, staff, students, and the President's Cabinet as Mansfield University continues to move forward."

Murray has been a professor of psychology at MU since 1978. He served as acting chair and graduate coordinator of the department in 1992-93. He has also served as coordinator of MU's Rural Services Institute. In 1999 Murray was presented with the "Shaping Tomorrow's Leaders Through Involvement" award by Mansfield's Student Activities Office.

"I'm pleased to have an opportunity to serve Mansfield University in this new capacity," Murray said in accepting the appointment. "I thank President Halstead for his confidence in my ability to make a contribution to the University. Mansfield represents a special setting for student learning and a unique collaborative working community with a

dedicated staff and faculty. I look forward to working with the entire campus community to meet the challenges of this transitional time."

In addition to his academic pursuits Murray is a vice-chair and member of the board of directors of The Center for Rural Pennsylvania, co-chair of the Measurement and Outcomes Committee of the Tioga County Partnership for Community Health, a consulting editor for the Journal of Rural Health, and sits on the Laurel Health System board of directors.

Murray holds his doctorate and master's degrees in clinical psychology from the University of Rochester, NY and earned his B.A. at Syracuse University, also in psychology. He is a fellow of the American Psychological Association and served as president of the National Association for Rural Mental Health and the Academic Division of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association.

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Student Service Awards presented

Special to the Flashlight

The 11th annual Outstanding Student Service Awards banquet was held Monday night. The award was designed to honor individuals who have made substantial contributions to the campus and the community.

The nominees are: Ami Bickel, Kappa Phi; Adrianna Blash, Travel Club; Dana Blouch, Art Acquisition and Exhibition Committee; Jamie Bower, Social Work Club; Ellen Boyer, Leo Club; Erin Cole, Student Nurses Association of Pennsylvania; Chavon Croman, Delta Zeta; Michelle Davies, Cheerleaders; John Dawe, American Choral Directors Association; Sarah Duncan, Black Student Union; Rebecca Dunlap, Biology Club; Amy

Farley, Mansfield Activities Council; Marna Ferster, Laurel Hall Council; Cathy Fritz, All Residence Hall Council; Sarah Gingrich, Cedarcrest Hall Council; Christopher Hall, MU Saddle Club; E. Lee Anna Harris, Psi Chi National Honor Society.

Heidi Hook, Mansfield Debate Association; Michelle Howe, Nontraditional Student Organization; Caren Kasier, Psychology Club; Heather Kenney, Alpha Sigma Tau; Don Kotowski, Student Government Association; Karen Krouse, Math Club; Kelle Lerch, Alpha Sigma Alpha; Samantha Lewis, Phi Sigma Pi; Amber Lindquist, Sigma Service Organization; Nicole Lovett, Music Educators National Conference; Justin May, Phi Kappa Sigma; Ellen Moody, Chemistry Club and Sigma Zeta;

Lindsay Schultz, Lambda Pi Eta; Sybil Schweitzer, Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics; Rodney St. Paul, Mansfield International Students Organization; Laura Supa, MU Advocacy Association; Audrey Szychulski, Sigma Alpha Iota; Dede Turkay, Phi Alpha Honor Society; Shan Tshudy, Music Merchandising Club; Jessica Thomas, Tau Beta Sigma; Melissa Walrath, Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Michelle Howe from the Non-Traditional Student Organization was honored with the Outstanding Student Service Award for the 1999-2000 year.

The Community Service Learning Center also awarded several students for



Dr. Robert Maris, Barb Slocum, Michelle Howe, Dr. John Halstead and Joe Maresco congratulate the student service award winners.

their contributions to the campus and community. These students are Amy Farley, Samantha Lewis,

Dede Turkay, Erin Cole, Christopher Hall, Michelle Howe, Ellen Moody.

PRSSA team takes third at Crisis Conference in Syracuse

By MARIA VALENZANO
Flashlight Writer

Two five-person teams from the MU Chapter of The Public Relations Student Society of America competed against eleven other universities at the Syracuse University Crisis Conference held April 7-9.

The students' main goal was to act as the city's management team in order to solve the mock crisis situation, a natural disaster. On Friday afternoon, they listened to speakers offering information about crisis communication issues.

At 5 a.m. Saturday morning, the students were awakened with a phone call, stating that Hurricane Maria was off the coast of the fictitious town, Zydell, Maryland on the



Karen Holgate, Amber Lindquist, Mike Kane, Suzanne Yeager and Stacey Godlewski represented MU at the Crisis Conference in Syracuse.

Chesapeake Bay. After receiving limited information, the students had only one hour to get dressed, meet their liaison and come up with a crisis management plan for the day. They received updates every hour and a half on the hurricane and were given only 12 hours to solve the disaster, which

kept getting worse with the updates. They generated press releases, public service announcements, hotline information and letters that justified what government and non-government agencies should be alerted.

The students had to solve common problems that

occur in an actual hurricane crisis, including non-potable water, sewage, snakes and demolished and unsafe buildings. The teams kept the media updated when the problems occurred so that residents did not try to drink the water or get bitten by a snake. The students held a mock press conference for Syracuse University Journalism students that pretended to be the media. They asked the team's spokesperson specific questions pertaining to the hurricane after hearing an official statement from them.

On Sunday, the students attended an awards brunch with the other PRSSA members where a representative from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) spoke. Ithaca College received first place, Boston University, second, and one of

the two teams representing Mansfield University placed third. This was a big win for Mansfield because they beat out Rowan University of New Jersey who placed first in the conference last year and has an exceptional Public Relations program.

The winning team included Mike Kane, Karen Holgate, Amber Lindquist, Suzanne Yeager, and Stacey Godlewski. Mansfield's second team comprised of Bree Flammini, Les Williams, Rebecca Seamans, Angela Doto, and Cheryl Burley won the Most Focused Award.

"It was great hands-on experience for all of us. We learned so much in a 12 hour period and everyone worked well together," said P.R.S.S.A. president Suzanne Yeager.

The Flashlight's Year in Review

By KIMBERLY SAPONE
Editor-In-Chief

Another Mansfield University academic year has come and gone, and there have been many big news stories to keep the Flashlight busy.

The biggest story in the beginning of the 1999-2000 year was the possibility of a strike by faculty members belonging to APSCUF. Voting took place in September and the student bodies of all 14 state schools waited anxiously, not knowing if they would be in school for the entire semester.

Students returned in the fall to a campus in the middle of construction chaos. Renovations to the new Student Union building in Alumni began over the summer, along with several other projects around campus. Walking around around could be a little dangerous at time.

The MU Football team honored deceased teammate Brad Polk by wearing his number on the back of their helmets for the

entire season. Polk died while working in Florida.

It was around this time that the Flashlight decided to change publication from Fridays to Wednesdays, in order to better serve the campus. There may have been some extra pull for the Mounties this season - several players had outstanding seasons, including Lee Brannon, who broke several school records during the season.

At the end of September, U.S. News and World Report ranked MU 95 out of 134 colleges and universities in the Northern Tier. The Northern Tier consists of the borders of Pennsylvania to New Jersey, and all the state north of that line, up to the North-Northeastern borders of the United States.

Ja'Nell Natson, a senior broadcasting major, was named Homecoming Queen for 1999.

Several students formed a student strike to protest the impending faculty strike in October. The students who par-

ticipated in the strike did not go to class, and walked in South Hall Mall during the day, telling any who would listen why the strike was bad for students.

A tentative agreement between APSCUF and SSHE was reached in mid-October. President John Halstead wrote an open letter to the students, reinforcing the fact that faculty and administration is here for the students first.

The Mountie Football team won their first game in over a season, by defeating the Cheyney Wolves 35-12 in late October. It was also at this time that Stephen Bronn was named vice-president for finance.

In early November, it was announced that Smash Mouth would be in concert in MU's Decker Gymnasium on Dec. 10. Citizen King opened the show, which had people packing themselves into Decker to enjoy the show.

Two MU field hockey players were named to the All-

American team during the Fall. Jamie Huffcut and Gretchen Reschke both had outstanding seasons for the Mounties. Also in sports news, the MU swimmers began an amazing season. Three swimmers, Jaime Ragukonis, Jen Market and Teresa Ulett all broke individual records.

As the Fall semester came to a close, all MU faculty and students had to have their pictures retaken for the new Y2K compliant ID cards. The new cards feature bigger, full color pictures and new student identification numbers.

When the Spring semester began, students returned to a nearly completed Student Union building. South Side also underwent some minor renovations, changing their style to help serve students better.

The MU Basketball teams celebrated their centennial weekend Jan. 28 to 30. Alumni returned to be inducted into the hall of fame and there were several events which took place over

the weekend.

Gerald Ford visited the MU campus on March 21. Ford spoke of his years in office, the prices of gas and the problems with social security reform, among other things.

The university updated its voice mail system in late February. The men's basketball team ended their season with a 13-3 overall record, while the women's team ended 4-8 overall.

MU student Chris Selena was charged after a late-night fight on Elmira Street in March, which included the use of weapons. Selena was released on bail after the incident.

Spring Fling 2000 plans began in March, and the planning board is very excited to see how it turns out. Shades Apart will be headlining the show - read this week's article to find out more.

The Gen. Ed. Model was finally OK'd after months of debate. Model 2000 will go into effect in the Fall of 2001.

MU Music presents 'A Madrigal Feast'

The Mansfield University Music Department in conjunction with the Arcadia Theatre of Wellsboro will present "A Madrigal Feast," a festive evening of food, theatre and music.

The presentation will be held at 6 p.m., May 6 at the Arcadia Theatre.

Music and merriment will be provided by the MU Chamber Singers in Renaissance

costume. The group will perform a program of 16th-century madrigals, under the direction of Peggy Dettwiler, and a masque, "Fools Fall in Love," directed by Peter Davis.

Members of the cast include Andrew Brown as the Jester, Wendy Savoy as Robin d'Cradle, Allison Huesgen as Harmonia, Scott Faust as Discordio, Herbert Kinney as Out-of-Tunio, and Adam Bennet

as the Royal Interpreter. A king and queen, a magician, and instrumentalists will also provide entertainment.

The evening will include a five-course meal with typical Renaissance delicacies such as wassail, pork roast, Yorkshire pudding and a flaming dessert. Admission is \$25 a person and reservations can be made by calling the Arcadia Theatre at (570) 724-9371.

Social work students honor local high school seniors

By VALERIE THOMAS

Flashlight Writer

Being a social work major is a challenge for many. It takes a lot of time, patience and determination.

Social work major, Dana Stamilio, along with five other students who currently take the Social Work Methods Communities course, had to implement a project in the community to access the need for the project in the community. They did so by going out and interviewing community members to see what was already in place and what could be done.

The students chose to go into the high school and picked six students who have done something outstanding in the community or their school. The age group they targeted were seniors of Mansfield High school. The criteria

which was set forth was directed towards students who usually aren't recognized, yet they have done something that changed someone's life. They then wrote a letter to all the teachers to get nominations of students in their class, yet it ended up they had to go door to door to talk to each to each teacher, in order to get the nominations.

From the nominations, the group choose six students to recognize. The six students recognized were Jesse LeBlanc, Jeremy Brooks, Jenn Edwards, Beth Mocarski, Mark Jones and Alec Styborski. After they picked the six students they planned to have a awards ceremony in Memorial to recognized the kids.

The ceremony was held last Wednesday, and the

guidance counselor and principal of the school were invited to celebrate. The parents of the students also came to give moral support.

Gift certificates were given out from local businesses and Dunkin' Donuts donated mugs to hold the certificates in, which were given to each senior. They also received long sleeve t-shirts with their names printed on the front of them. The backs of the shirts read, "We've done our share, have you? Social Work Dept. MU Rewards 2000."

"The kids seemed to really appreciate what we were trying to do," she walked away with a sense of fulfillment, and that hopefully others felt the same way.



Daniel Amidon/FLASHLIGHT

Miss Pennsylvania, Susan Spafford, recently visited Mansfield University. Spafford spoke about the importance of keeping music programs in public schools.

Miss Pa. promotes music education in schools

By DANIEL AMIDON

Flashlight Writer

Susan Spafford, the current Miss Pennsylvania, appeared at Steadman Theatre April 18, promoting music education. Spafford uses music education as her public service platform that accompanies her title. Music is very important to Susan and she has already earned her bachelor's degree in music education as well as music performance.

Miss Pennsylvania delivered a speech on the importance of music education and performed on her favorite instrument, the violin. Susan has a deep rooted interest in music that was influenced by an early music teacher of hers in Erie, Howard Lyon.

Being Miss Pennsylvania requires extensive travel and Spafford

had to leave after her performance because of another engagement the next morning near the New Jersey border. "Being Miss Pennsylvania I have to make appearances sometimes in three different cities on the same day," Spafford said, "It keeps me very busy."

Spafford has earned her New York state certification to teach music already. When she returns to the Eastman School of Music, in Rochester, Spafford wants to continue teaching music and substituting in symphonies as she has in the past. She will complete her Master's degree and work toward her goal of joining a symphony while teaching music.

Black Students Union sponsors "Excellence, Character and Honor" recognition program

The Minority Students Recognition Program will be held at 6 p.m., Friday in Manser's North Dining Room.

This year's theme is "Excellence, Character, and Honor." The guest of honor is Dr. Tyran Mincey, an MU alumnus and former president of the Black Students Union. Students who have maintained high academic standards and well as modeled good character

and honor will be recognized.

The evening will include a buffet style dinner, entertainment, and a fashion show. Funding for the program is provided by the Black Students Union and the Office of Multi-cultural Affairs. Donations to help defray the costs of the dinner will be accepted. If you have any further questions please call Ext. 4381.

Dr. King succeeds Murphy in CET directorship

Hobart King has been named to succeed Tom Murphy as Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching.

In making the announcement Sandra Linck, associate provost, said, "We are pleased with the quality of the leadership we have had at the center. A warm thank you to Tom for his outstanding efforts, and a sincere welcome to Hobart who will begin his term next fall."

SIFE team earns 2nd runner-up spot in regional competition

The Mansfield University Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team took second runner-up honors at a regional competition in Philadelphia, April 6-7. The competition gives students a forum to present their outreach programs to a panel of national business leaders and entrepreneurs, who rate the overall effectiveness of their efforts.

The students were also interviewed by a number of business executives

for possible job opportunities. Each year SIFE teams worldwide develop and implement thousands of educational outreach projects in their communities, which are designed to teach others the principles of the free enterprise system.

The Mansfield team completed a number of projects with the New Covenant Academy and Mansfield High School this school year.

MU faculty, staff honored for years of service

The 21st annual service recognition program will be held in early May. Employees who have served Mansfield University for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years will be honored for their service. People who have retired who will be retiring through the month of June will also be recognized. The following individuals will be honored.

For 10 years of service: Brian Barden, Tammy Felondis,

Keith Graver, Benjamin Jones, Beth McClure, Kathleen McNett, Marilyn Ouellette, Rob (Douglas) Pinkney, Marvin Roberts, Shirley Smith, Mary Lou Stroud, Joan Tease, Russell Wood, Joan Zuchowski, Kathleen McQuaid, Marta Garay, Leroy Wright, Lois Vore, Sandra Woolley, Thomas Murphy, Brian Loher, Peggy Dettwiler, Judith Sornberger, Andrea Harris and Bonnie

Kutbay.

For 15 years of service: Jon Clark, Mary Beth Eggleston, William Phillips, Bonelyn Kyofski, Mary Jane Mitchell and Robert Timko.

For 20 years of service: John Abplanalp, Dennis Atkinson, Dennis Miller, Karen Route, Janet Fuller, H. Michael Galloway, Andrew Havalchak, Anne Mabe and Paula Welch.

For 25 years of service:

Marlene Herbst, Claudette Meiklejohn, Roxanna Mogush, Edward Ryan, Ronald Straub and Celeste (Sexauer) Burns.

For 30 years of service: LesErik Achey, Stephen Bickham, Marguerite Bombaski, Kaye L. Brown, Gary Cleveland, Robert Irwin, Gale Largey, John (Jack) Reidy, J. Richard Walker and Kenneth Mussleman.

For 35 years of

service: Hazel Tarbox.

The employees who have or will be retiring prior to June 2000 are: Harry Spencer, William Yost, Joyce Bixby, Bonnie Sullivan, (Roland) Howard Kramer, Jay Gertzman, Mary Lou Shaw, Larry Uffleman, Harold (Reggie) Carter, Walter Funmaker, Bernard Clark and Sandra Linck.

MU Forensics finishes 10th at Nationals

Carrish announces her retirement from forensic program

By CATHY WARNER

Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University Forensics team traveled to Athens, Ohio from April 12 to 18 to compete in the 30th Annual National Forensic Association (NFA) Championship. The Mansfield team took 10th in Division II competition. In this division, there were 30 different teams competing.

Nationals brought together 100 teams participating in three different divisions. The competition was based on school size, and Mansfield competed in the Division II category. In order for Mansfield to earn the President's Sweepstakes Award, the entire team had to perform



Dr. Sharon Carrish of the Communication and Theatre Department

well. In this competition, there were four preliminary rounds, and MU forensics made it to the preliminaries and were upset in

not being able to make it further to quarter-finals, semi's, or finals. "It was very disheartening to not see any of our names on the break sheets. But we learned a lot of new techniques that will benefit our future endeavors," said Carl Madonna.

Mansfield won eight firsts, twelve seconds, and twenty-one thirds individually. It was not enough to move individuals to gain higher recognition, but it was enough to earn a ten spot in the nation.

"I have had the most fun in my last season with this team. I will miss the team but I have gained valuable skills that I will bring with me wherever I go," said Darren DeVoue.

The members of the

Forensic team include Carl Madonna, Karen Holgate, Darren DeVoue, Kari Weller, Heather Borden, and Ja'Nell Natson.

Dr. Sharon Carrish has been with the forensic program for four years, two as an assistant coach, and two as the coach and director. She is proud of her team and is said, "It's been a terrific year with many ups and downs, but I feel that all the individuals who contributed to our Forensic success this season should feel very proud."

"We are especially indebted to the support from the Provost's Office, the Mansfield University Foundation, as well as Dr. Halstead, for without them our success would have been

impossible," Carrish went on to say.

Carrish will no longer be the director of the forensic program next season. This information became known yesterday after Carrish left the team due to medical reasons.

"This news came as a shock to me. Sharon opened a lot of doors for me and I thank her for all her time and dedication towards the program. She will be missed," Madonna said.

Any interested students (open to all majors) who'd like to join the Forensic team should contact Department Chair, Dr. Lee Wright X4787 for any additional information.

Phi Beta Sigma gives back to community during Sigma week

By SUZANNE YEAGER

Flashlight Writer

"Culture for Service and Service for Humanity" is the motto of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

Last week, April 3-8 was Sigma Week for the fraternity. Monday the group went room-to-room through the residence halls, collecting canned foods for the less fortunate. Four people from the fraternity slept outside on the South Hall Mall in cold weather on Tuesday, with only a tarp above their heads. This event was enacted to increase awareness for the homeless.

A 3-on-3 basketball tournament was open to all campus on Wednesday in the Recreation Center. The winning team was Hakeem Baiyewu, Jason Roscoe, Damar Lopez and Lorne Creighton. The four played as volunteers and did not accept any prizes from their win because they are all MU basketball players.

Thursday night, Phi Beta Sigma

sponsored a forum on "Violence in Today's Changing Society" in 204 Memorial Hall. This event was postponed due to the speaker's cancellation.

From 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. Friday night, the fraternity sponsored a dance party at the ZANZIBAR. On Saturday, April 8, Phi Beta Sigma traveled to Penn State University in State College to compete in a Step Show. The members stepped on-stage with 3 other fraternities and 4 sororities from Penn State that afternoon, trying to win \$500 and a trophy for their organization.

According to Rashid Williams, President of the MU Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma, their group "is the only African American fraternity on campus, with members of other races. He also said that, "they were the first fraternity founded at Mansfield University in 1978. The national fraternity was founded in 1914 by Howard University."

La Nina leaving the nation's waterways at a record low

By CARL D. MADONNA

Flashlight News Editor

Several years of a mix of dry and warm weather has created a severe deficit in all of our nation's major waterways. Even areas such as the Great Lakes are experiencing a serious drought. We have La Nina to primarily thank for this situation.

Since the past few winters have decreased significantly in precipitation, so has our water count. This three year span has left each of the Great Lakes about 3 1/2 feet shallower than usual. And when this coming summer draws to a close, our rivers and lakes and our streams will be at their lowest mark in 120 years.

The end result of this drought will seriously impact anyone or any business that thrives on

the use of our waterways. Individuals that reside between New York and Minnesota will be hit the hardest. The industries that would also be impacted include shipping, tourism, charter fishing not to mention our environment.

We have evaporation to thank mainly for the current situation. This process usually causes lake water levels to fluctuate anywhere from 12 to 18 inches a year. Yet the past three years have provided no relief.

This remarkable drop in water levels follows a period when our nation experienced historic highs in water levels. Remember in 1997 when residents were panicking over the levels being so high. What a difference three years make.

SGA proposes solution to parking problems

By CARL D. MADONNA

Flashlight News Editor

Finding a parking spot on our campus has posed a serious problem in the past few years. While the complaints frequently flood this campus, nothing has been done to rectify this situation....Until now.

The Student Government Association has composed a list of suggestions they will present to the Mansfield University Council of Trustees.

In order to make improvements to parking on campus, additional funds will be needed. The current cost

of a parking permit is \$5 and has been that price since the early 1980's. Yet all the money generated from the parking permit is not enough to cover the upkeep of all the lots.

The parking committee proposes an increase of permit fees for 2000-2001 Academic year from \$5 to \$15 per permit for commuter students. And students residing on campus will have to pay \$25 if they wish to park in MU's lots.

Fees will not stop there, for the academic year 2001-2002 commuters will have to pay \$25 while campus residents will pay \$50.

To compensate for the space and location of the available spots, SGA has proposed the following.

The East lot is in need of repairs. The parking committee would like to see the East lot resurfaced and have the parking spaces reallocated. The reallocation of parking spaces should create more available parking.

The parking committee would like the University to proceed with the construction of a new lot behind Cedarcrest Manor. This lot will create 75 to 100 new spaces.

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Castro supports the return of Gonzalez

By DANIEL AMIDON

Flashlight Writer

From wire and broadcast sources

Since Elian Gonzalez's terrible voyage across the Gulf of Mexico he has become a household name to Americans. In that escape from Cuba he has lost his mother and now is the center of an international custody battle that became more intensive. Elian stayed with relatives of his from Miami's Cuban ethnic community while his father, Juan Gonzalez, tried to remove him from America and return to Cuba. Throughout this ordeal Fidel Castro has been leading protests in Cuba and nationally backing the return of Elian to Cuba.

The Miami relatives of Elian were in the process of negotiating custody with Juan Gonzalez and refused to allow him to see his son. On Wednesday three judges from the 11th



Federal agents find Elian Gonzalez hiding in a closet with a relative.

U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Elian must stay in the United States until he has an asylum hearing, deciding whether he can remain in the United States.

With that ruling the family now had to

give up the boy to his father, who legally should have custody. President Clinton stated that there was "no conceivable argument" for Elian not being with his father. He added, "I think <Juan> should be reunited with his son.

That is the law, and the main argument of the family in Miami for not doing so has now been removed." With that he gave discretion of handling the return of Elian to his father to Attorney General Janet Reno.

On Friday the Department of Justice received a judicial warrant that gave authority to enter the Miami relatives' house and obtain Elian, by force if necessary.

On Saturday morning at approximately 5 am agents from the Department of Justice, federal marshals, and the INS went to the home of Elian's Great Uncle, Lazaro Gonzalez and entered. They removed the child by force and took him to Andrews Air Force base to be with his father who was on his way to the base. 130 agents were involved in the sting operation to remove Elian.

Saturday after-

noon brought with it protests from members of Miami's Cuban-American sector. There were some arrests and injuries to police, who were clad in riot gear.

On both Saturday and Sunday, Gonzalez's Miami relatives tried to visit him at Andrews base, but were turned down. Republicans are criticizing the actions of the justice department, primarily due to a photograph of an agent in combat gear holding a rifle towards Elian and seizing him. There will be a federal investigation into the handling of the situation, however Reno and Clinton assure that the actions were legal.

In Cuba there have been protests as well to the whole situation. Castro has organized them and they not only protest Elian's treatment, but the American trade embargo with Cuba for the last 42 years.

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COMMENTARY

So you need a job?

By KAREN HOLGATE

Well, as we near the end of the semester seniors are on the job search. Looking for internships and permanent positions. The race is on. Let's see how well my six years at good old Mansfield has served me. did I take all the classes I need? Have I learned everything I'll be required to know? Am I really as good as I think I am?

To answer these questions you need to look at your past record. And that's a little hard to do if you sat on your a** drinking beer and watching TV for the past four years.

See in the real world they want you to have experience. Guess what, if you were a DJ at the campus radio station you have radio experience. If you wrote for the Flashlight you now have newspaper experience. Pretty much any group related to you major gives you that oh so important experience.

You now have an edge

over the competition. And guess who gets the job. The guy with experience! So you need to be that guy. And MU has a wealth of clubs and organizations to help you out with that. Trust me they become very important when looking for a job.

Besides they make your resume look good. They fill in all those empty spaces and make it look way professional. Plus, you can drop all those irrelevant summer jobs and high school work studies you did.

Once they have your resume they'll call you in for an interview. (Well, you hope they will.) So now you need to be presentable. I highly recommend that some time in the next four years you invest in a suit. A good suit that might be a little pricey. But trust me it will be worth it in the long run. A simple black, navy, or slate gray suit can be work with most any blouse or dress shirt. One is all you need to start with because you can keep changing shirts until you can afford another. Once you get the job you can start

building your wardrobe.

Next you need you invest in a book on manners and etiquette. They go a long way. Rude people who eat like slobes do not get hired in the high paying positions. And a simple "please" or "thank you" goes a long way.

Most important is networking. Always be personable and keep in contact with people who can help you. And when those people want you to help them, bend over backwards to make it happen. And do not burn your bridges. Everyone can help you and everyone can hurt you. So, make sure you keep your personal and professional lives separate.

And finally even if you are only a freshman you need to be worrying about your resume. Always have one on hand and keep it updated. don't get caught with a perfect opportunity and nothing to promote yourself.

Off-Campus crimes must be reported

Staff Editorial

Daily Orange (Syracuse U.)
(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE, N.Y. --
Numbers don't lie.

But at Syracuse University, they don't tell the whole truth, either.

The 1990 congressional Campus Security Act requires all universities to report on-campus crimes. A subsequent amendment to the act also forces colleges to disclose statistics of certain off-campus crimes, too.

But loopholes in the law leave colleges to their own discretion in choosing what crimes to report. SU's Department of Public Safety takes dangerous liberties when deciding what numbers to publish.

Although they do disclose certain violations occurring on por-

tions of nearby Marshall Street and Genesee Avenue. Public Safety is mum on crimes that take place in other university-area neighborhoods -- neighborhoods where students have recently been beaten and robbed at gunpoint.

Reporting only half-truths is harmful and misleading to SU students.

It's an undeniable fact that attending college in Syracuse poses some threat of danger. It's the unfortunate trade-off that often accompanies urban living.

But that doesn't mean students should be denied access to the raw crime data about the place where they make their homes for four years.

SU attempts to run a slick campus safety public relations

campaign. It's failing miserably.

Administrators have stepped up to save face with angry area residents by establishing the Neighborhood Patrol Initiative with the Syracuse Police Department. And after meddling in off-campus student affairs on weekend nights, Public Safety is left with a fat pile of data about crimes involving students.

But instead of using it to clarify campus safety information, the department abdicates responsibility and files the ugly numbers away in a drawer.

An accurate reflection of student life at SU must include a picture of even the harshest reality. Students deserve to know what they're up against when they step out from underneath the university's thumb.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

This is in response to your news item dated Wednesday, March 29, 2000. I would like to correct the charges made against me alleging, that I wanted to harass or threaten anybody. This is blatantly untrue. I know what I have gone through. It is just the reverse. As a foreign student in a different culture, I was being taken advantage of by Mr. Clarence J Crisp. Personally I went through many threats and psychological tortures. That is why, out of desperation, I had to inform some people about my suffering.

I hope that you will publish this rejoinder in order to correct the wrong news being dissem-

inated by this person. I am here to pursue my studies. I only hope that in the future students will be better protected on this campus.

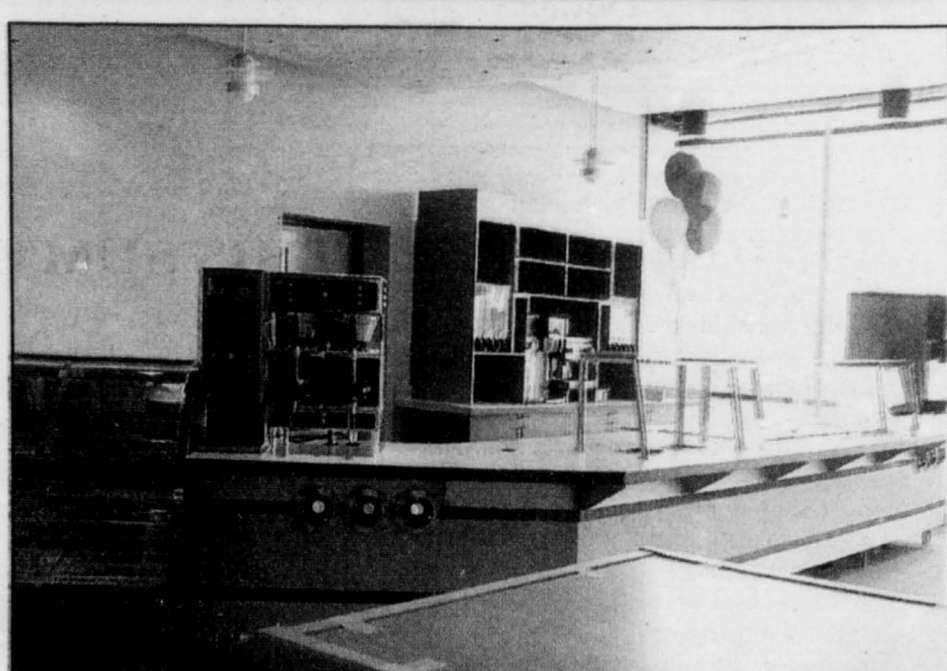
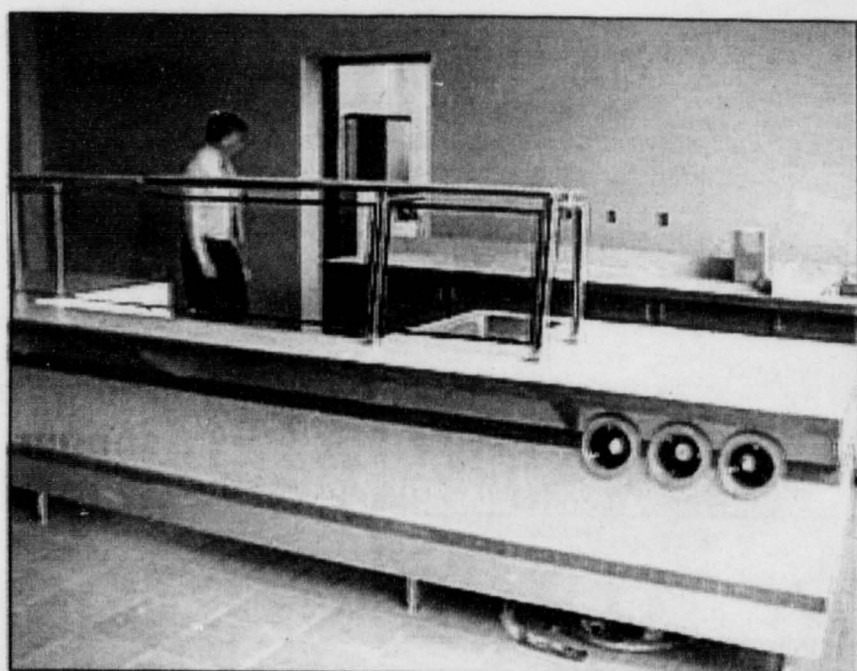
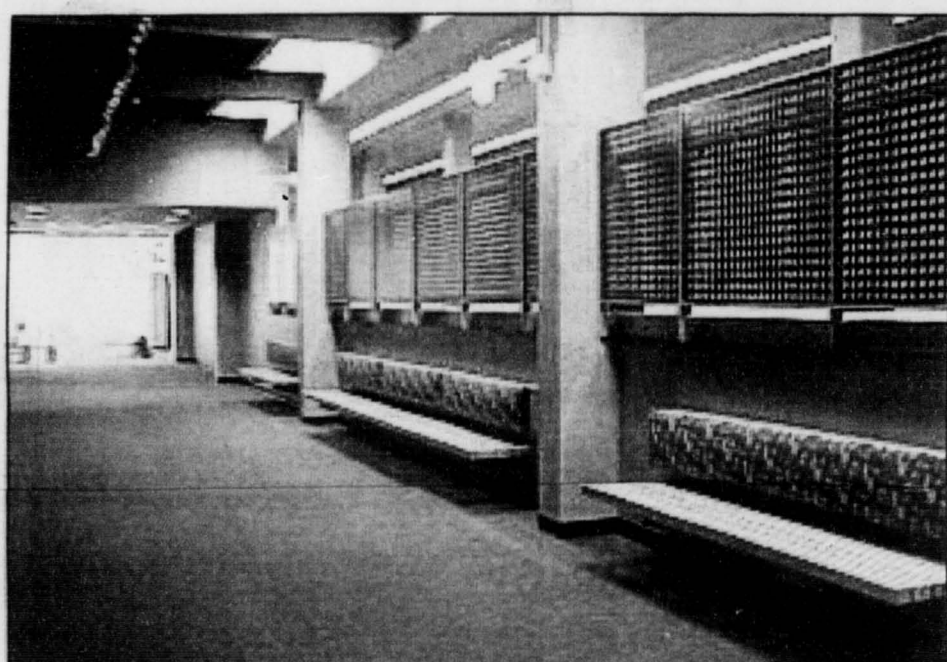
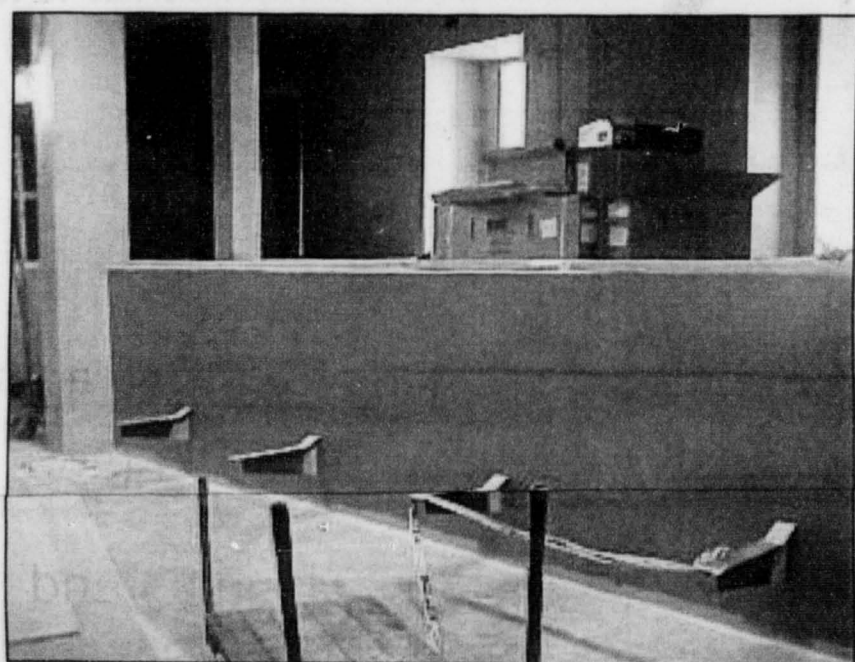
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Very sincerely,

Irene D'Silva

Editor's note: Ms. D'Silva's letter is in response to an article which appeared in the police beat in the March 29 issue of the Flashlight. D'Silva, 37, was charged with using the computer of a Mansfield University staff member to send an email message to approximately 49 email sites. The message contained threatening statements.

Alumni Hall Student Center ... from Start to Finish



TOP: The main seminar room will be used for meetings and guest lectures. The room will not be used for academics.
MIDDLE: The benches on the third floor face a student art gallery. The overlooking mezzanine is where the student center office, the CCSI office, organizational copy center and student activities offices will be.
BOTTOM: The food court will house a variety of foods and beverages including home-baked breads, a coffee and sandwich bar, a salad station, etc.

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CD Review: Big Punisher "Yeeeah Baby"

By APHRODITE MANOUSOS

Daily Briun (UCLA)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES -- Big Pun's latest addition to what should be renamed Mafioso rap lets everyone know how much his talent and presence in the rap industry will be missed.

The slick-styled raps this South Bronx native worked so hard to perfect shine through in his latest album "Yeeeah Baby." He was given life in rap by artists and groups such as Fat Joe, Bone Thugs 'N' Harmony and Cypress Hill, and he went on to breathe new life into the indus-

try as a whole.

"Off Wit His Head" masters the contradictions inherent in Pun. The song includes elements of the proper 18th century classical era, some flamenco-like guitar riffs and Pun's condemning rap that his enemies will be shown no mercy.

Pun's true artistic style is evident in "It's so Hard." It is Pun's pure, unadulterated and unmistakable rap style, combined with some background vocals that makes this song a ready-made hit.

"We Don't Care" is

infused with the Macho, never-say-die, killer attitude exemplified in songs like DMX's "Ruff Ryder's Anthem." Pun is serious, focused and speaks, carrying out his business from the heart.

He proclaims that he is both hardcore and commercial and that is where his success lies. He can appeal to the lowest common denominator and still remain true to his message. That is a feat not carried out by many, besides exceptions like Biggie and Tupac.

Cast of "Road Trip" hoping for "American Pie"-like success

Movie Review

By JACKIE MCKIM

The Daily Cougar

(U. Houston)

(U-WIRE) HOUSTON

-- The upcoming Dreamworks Picture Road Trip is a raucous, American Pie meets Dawson's Creek meets Clueless meets ... well, you get the point.

Starring young guns Breckin Meyer (Go), Seann William Scott (American Pie), Amy Smart (Varsity Blues), Paulo Costanzo (first feature film), DJ Qualls (first feature) and Rachel Blanchard (TV's Clueless), Road Trip is the latest in a recent trend of teen-oriented movies featuring goofy storylines that seem to capture the imaginations of America's sex-crazed youth.

The adventure goes something like this: Josh (Meyer) is involved in a long-lasting relationship with Tiffany (Blanchard), but ever since they went off to college, the two have slowly drifted apart. When Josh gives in to the temptation of Beth (Smart), who decides to videotape the whole incident, the tape is accidentally mailed to Tiffany. The rest of the film focuses on Josh and his friends E.L., Rubin and Kyle, and their attempt at getting to the tape before it gets to Tiffany.

The problem is Josh goes to school in Ithaca, N.Y., while Tiffany is getting her education in Austin, Texas, making for a very long trip, especially for four college guys with no money.

"We all became really close while working on this

film," Meyer said during a recent press junket at the Brentwood/Bel-Air Holiday Inn.

"When you have to be around a group of people everyday, you're kind of forced to get to know each other."

This family atmosphere made the sex scene between Meyer and Smart more easily manageable when it came time to perform.

Blanchard, who plays the relatively straight role of Tiffany, described the laid-back set as perfectly conducive to a positive working environment.

"We all (cast and crew) just had a lot of fun. People played lots of practical jokes, and I think it's safe to say we're all friends now."

"I think this film is more complex than American Pie because it deals with a serious relationship and the real-life things all in those relationships have to contend with."

In addition to the talented young stars of Road Trip, MTV comedian Tom Green plays a fairly large role, pushing the limits of offbeat comedy.

"It was a trip working with Tom," Meyer said. "He kept the set hilarious at all times. He is truly funny 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

Green plays Barry, basically the emcee of the movie, who is also Josh's crazy friend. He decides to stay in New York and watch over Rubin's pet snake.

Amy Smart, who played the role of the sultry yet somewhat innocent Beth, said despite her reservations, it was-

n't too difficult to strip down to her birthday suit for one sexy scene.

"It was a fun day of shooting. The people around me made me feel very comfortable. I just felt it was important for the character, and I was just doing my job as an actress."

"Regardless, I don't think nudity is bad as long as it's in the right context and it's right for the character."

Seann William Scott, the one character many will recognize from his role as Stifler in American Pie, comes across as a silly, normal twentysomething who'd make a perfect fit in a boy band.

"This isn't one of those movies that's gonna win Academy Awards, but it's just a fun, entertaining formula that I think people are gonna absolutely love."

"I think this movie is so real, so representative of what guys are really like, you know, hormone-driven. I think that's what people will like about it."

The comparisons to American Pie are inevitable, but it will be difficult for Road Trip to match the overwhelming success of the 1999 movie that grossed over \$100 million.

When it hits theaters May 19, the cast of Road Trip would settle for something rivaling American Pie's status, Meyer said.

"If we can even come close to having the effect American Pie had on people, we'll be happy ... believe me," he said.

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junior, public relations



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Craig Johannes
junior, public relations

Metallica drops lawsuit against Indiana U., Yale

By **ANDREW MARTEL**
The Eagle (American U.)

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON -- Within days of heavy metal band Metallica filing a lawsuit against MP3 provider Napster.com and three universities for copyright infringement on April 13, two of the universities, Yale and Indiana Universities, blocked Napster use on campus. Following each college's action, they were dropped from the lawsuit, lawyers for Metallica said.

In an e-mail sent to students last Friday, Yale officials said Napster would be blocked indefinitely until there was a better understanding of the issues surrounding it.

"We appreciate the prompt and responsible reaction by Yale University in dealing with the gross violations of copyright laws and the protection of intellectual property," Metallica said in a statement Sunday.

The suit alleges that

Napster and the other defendants - by encouraging and enabling visitors to its Web site to unlawfully exchange with others copyrighted songs and sound recordings without the knowledge or permission of Metallica-have violated the law by committing continuing copyright infringements, unlawful use of digital audio interface devices and violations of the Racketeering Influenced & Corrupt Organizations Act.

"With each project, we go through a grueling creative process to achieve music that we feel is representative of Metallica at that very moment in our lives. We take our craft-whether it be the music, the lyrics, or the photos and artwork-very seriously, as do most artists," Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich said. "It is therefore sickening to know that our art is being traded like a commodity rather than the art that it is. From a business standpoint, this is about piracy-A.K.A. taking

something that doesn't belong to you; and that is morally and legally wrong. The trading of such information-whether it's music, videos, photos, or whatever-is, in effect, trafficking in stolen goods."

Napster is software that allows users to download MP3 music files in large quantities. The company is also being sued by the Recording Industry Association of America for allowing alleged copyright violations.

The suit further states that "Napster has devised and distributed software whose sole purpose is to permit Napster to profit by abetting and encouraging the pirating of the creative efforts of the world's most admired and successful musical artists. Following Metallica, rapper Dr. Dre announced Tuesday that he was challenging Napster to remove all his music files from their search engine. After being given a "disingenuous offer," Dre filed a lawsuit against

Napster on the same grounds as Metallica.

Yale was dropped from the heavy metal band Metallica's copyright infringement lawsuit late last week, apparently in response to the University's decision to ban the use of Napster software Friday. Metallica sued Yale, Napster, Indiana University and the University of Southern California last Thursday, claiming the software's use in downloading MP3 files at these schools constitutes copyright violation.

Metallica's attorney, Harold King, said they interpreted Yale's partial ban as blatantly ignoring copyright issues. Yale tried to solve the bandwidth problem by blocking Napster access during business hours, but did not attempt to protect the rights of artists, he said.

Lawyers for Metallica said Tuesday the band chose to file suit against Yale in particular because of its strong arts reputation.

"Yale has one of the finest dramatic arts departments in the world, so it is somewhat ironic that they allow students to infringe upon the copyrights of artists," King said.

Like Yale, Indiana University also had blocked Napster, but then restored the service, providing that its use would be limited. The restoration of Napster on Indiana's campus was attributed in part to Save Napster, which is managed by the Students Against University Censorship, whose Web site and petition efforts have been effective in restoring Napster not only on Indiana's campus, but several others as well.

Following the lawsuit, however, Save Napster postponed their petition drive to restore Napster use on campus. In an open letter to Napster and Metallica posted on their web site, Save Napster challenged the company to a take a stand on piracy.

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A fresh, Spring type of feeling

Spring football game this Saturday will provide fans first look at new look Mountaineers

By **DARREN A. DeVOUE**
Sports Editor

Saturday, April 29, fans of Mansfield University football will get their first peek at the Mounties under the Joe Gilbert regime. At 10:00 a.m. the spring football game will kick off as players vie for playing time and work-study rights. Do not expect to see much of anything that resembles Mountaineer teams of the past. Head coach Joe Gilbert has promised a different style of play in the three major facets of the game.

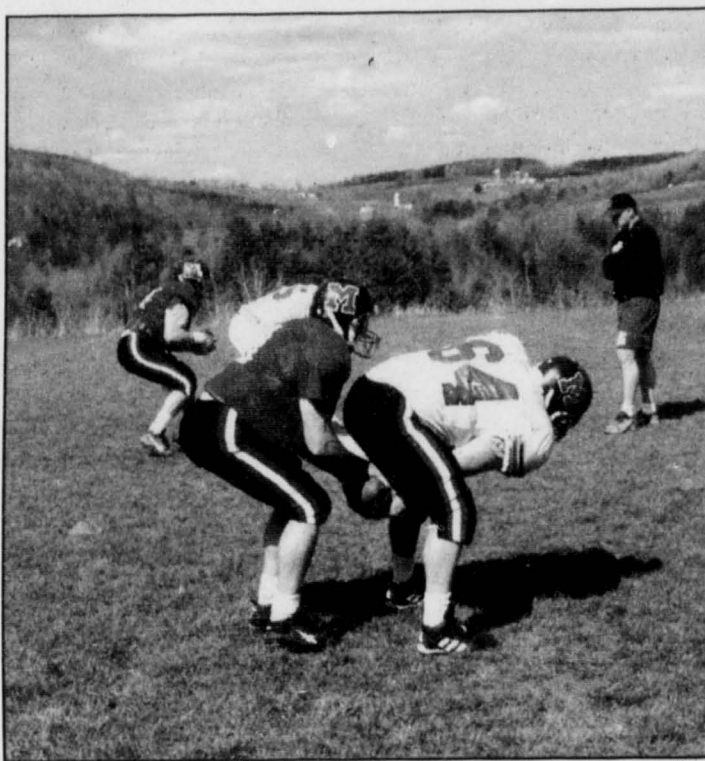
The Mountaineers will run a multiple set offense with some three and four-receiver sets to loosen up opposing defenses. Implementing that offense has been somewhat difficult due to the fact that only four receivers have been practicing this Spring. "We've been limited a bit in the formations that we eventually want to run due to the shortage of players in certain spots," said Gilbert. "There was one practice where we only had two receivers because the other two were banged up. The shortage on receivers is made ironic by the fact that Gilbert had recently added Joseph Braico to his staff to coach the receivers. So the MU receiving corps will likely sleep well Saturday night.

The signal-caller that will run this new offense yet is undecided. The two choices for MU offensive coordinator Mike Cerasuolo and Gilbert are sophomores Tom Denison and Chris Hudak. Both took their lumps in their respective starts

with Denison leading MU to its lone victory last season, but it is very possible that Hudak would have done the same against the Wolves of Cheyney University. Denison is gaining the edge according to Gilbert. "He has separated himself from Hudak a little bit as far as the standpoint of picking up the new system," said the first-year coach. No one can really blame Hudak for having trouble since all he had to do last season was hand off to Lee Brannon, or throw a screen pass to Lee Brannon.

Whoever winds up taking snaps as the starter for MU will be operating behind a offensive line that is learning a new system and replacing three starters, particularly at the two guard spots where two starters must be replaced. "I think that the O-line has been coming along pretty well although we have only had 15 practices so far," said Gilbert. "And a lot of our backups are freshmen, but I feel very good about where are older kids are."

The Mountaineer defense last season displayed an ability to force turnovers and disrupt opposing offenses. They recovered 13 turnovers and picked off opposing quarterbacks 10 times. This defensive coordinator Chris Woods and Gilbert have set out to install a more aggressive defense. "We will run multiple fronts on defense with a pressure philosophy," reported Gilbert. "We are going to try and force pressure



Darren A. DeVoue/The Flashlight

The Mountaineers are in the midst of installing new systems on offense, defense, and special teams in preparation for the 2000 season.

without a need to bring extra people." If the front four can get an upfield push that should mean more plays to make for the junior tackle tandem of Tyson Figueroa and Tyree Patterson. The inside duo combined for six sack and 15 tackles for losses. The defensive line lost its best player from last season in the form of Karl Buzak who led the team with six sacks. The addition Noyes Lawton and Matt Sheridan, who has moved from linebacker, has bolstered the depth of the line.

The shift in philosophy

for the defensive line should mean that the linebackers should make more plays this upcoming season. Last season, four of the top three tacklers for MU were defensive backs. That was not a good thing. "Our linebackers are going to have to run and make plays," Gilbert adamantly said. "So far this Spring, our linebacker play has not been consistent." Gabe Kamourosky is the top returning linebacker from last season.

If the front seven grasps the concept and executes, the secondary should be freed up to take care of opposing receivers. Jon

Johnson, who led the team in tackles and interceptions last Fall (a co-PSAC leading seven), Ian Cooper, Josh Frick, and Victor Dei return to give the Mountaineers a competent secondary. Johnson's seven picks were nice, but the 0 return yards that accompanied them would make The Rock raise the people's eyebrow. He is questionable for the game Saturday, after missing all Spring with an injury. Be prepared to see the secondary pressuring receivers. "We are looking to get after people," said Gilbert. "We are going to give a lot of different looks with our cornerbacks and safeties."

Prior to the scrimmage, Saturday morning the team will convene for the spring game breakfast, where recruits in attendance will be introduced, and team captains for the 2000 season will be announced. Also a player will be recognized with the Butsko Memorial Scholarship Award. The award is in memory of former MU assistant, Frank Butsko, who died in a car accident while on a recruiting trip.

The road to elevating the Mansfield football program to respectable status is well underway for the new coaching staff. The last time that MU enjoyed a winning season (1975, 5-4), many of the student body were not alive yet. However, it is difficult to downplay the anticipation to see the Mountaineers on the field, especially considering the solid recruiting class that includes five former All-State selections. 137 days until kickoff against Buffalo State.

Say hello to Fireman Bill for me; I will need tickets

Former Mansfield football player Mark Bristol signs free-agent contract with the NFL's NY Jets

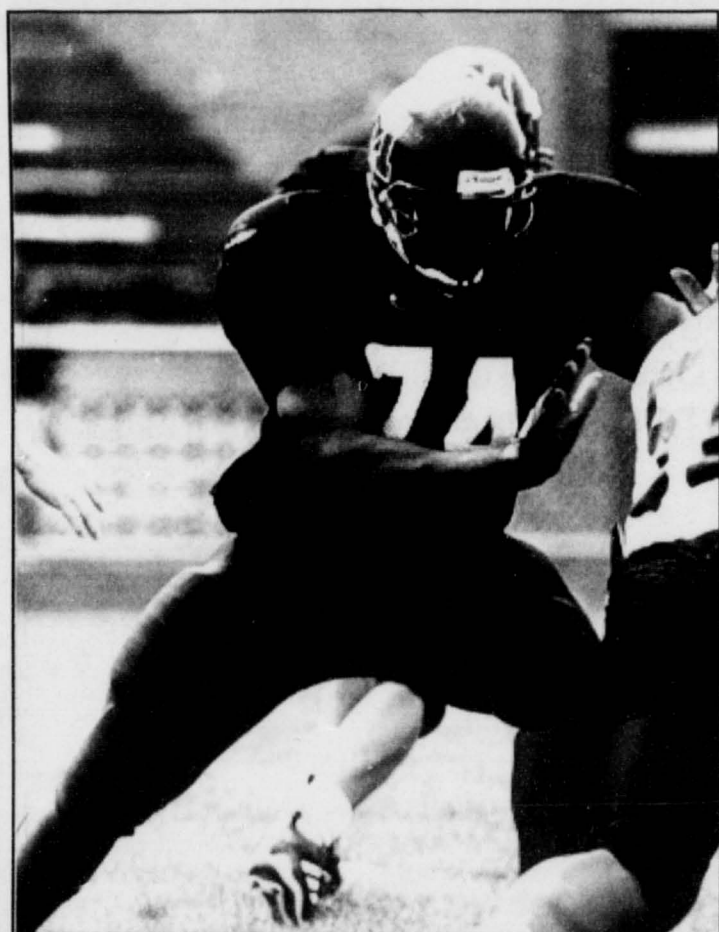


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Mark Bristol was a four-year starter and two-time All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference selection.

Special to The Flashlight

Mark Bristol, a four-year starter on the Mountaineer offensive line, has signed a free agency contract with the New York Jets of the NFL.

"My agent called me on Saturday night to say it looked like I would be drafted in the seventh round by the NY Jets if I wasn't drafted by Jacksonville before then," said Bristol. "As soon as the draft ended he called back to say that the Jets drafted a Division I defensive lineman (Richard Seals of Utah) with that pick because they were not sure he would be available as a free agent. Both the Jets and the San Diego Chargers called right afterwards and I went with the Jets because they had been out to see three of my games and had kept in contact with me."

The 6-6, 307, Bristol has been one of the top linemen in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference for the past two seasons earning first-team All-PSAC East honors. He was also a first team All-ECAC South selection and was nominated for three post season All-American teams

A captain for the Mountaineers last season, Bristol is scheduled to graduate in May and has been preparing to retake his medical school entrance exams. He hopes to someday be a doctor. Bristol had been contacted by the Jets, Chargers, Jaguars and New England Patriots and had attended pre-draft workouts.

A versatile athlete as well as a scholar-athlete, Bristol was a member of the MU basketball team last year where he appeared in 10 games with one start. In his junior year, Bristol was also a member of the wrestling team.

A graduate of Philadelphia's Martin Luther King High School, Bristol didn't start playing football in his junior year. He had never participated in organized basketball or wrestling until he came to Mansfield.

Bristol becomes the fifth Mountaineer football player since 1991 to sign a professional contract. Tony Grego, who transferred to MU from Penn State, signed with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1991 while Dean

Stewart was drafted in the fifth round by the Toronto Argonauts of the CFL in 1993. Jeff Benoit was drafted by the CFL's Edmonton Eskimos in the seventh round in 1994.

Nate Gibson, a former teammate of Bristol's signed a free agency contract with the San Diego Chargers in 1996.

Megan Bristol is scheduled to report to the first of three mini-camps with the Jets next Thursday.

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Breaking records is as much fun as swatting flies

Track team edges closer to PSAC meet, while Maines and Kitner re-write records

By DARREN A. DeVOUE
Sports Editor

This past weekend, the Mansfield Track and Field program conducted the Mountaineer Multis. Mansfield hosted a decathlon and heptathlon for the participants to record point values which could assist in qualifying for the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) meet. The PSAC meet will take place May 11, 12, and 13.

Kyle Kitner was the top story for the men's team as he broke three school decathlon records on his way to recording 5620. Records in the decathlon, which is a multiple faceted event are not the same as records for the open version of events that are included in the decathlon. Kitner's 10.9 run in the 100 meter dash, 158'5" throw in the javelin, and 14'6" in the pole vault all represented new records in the MU decathlon annals.

Kitner's vault also established a new record for the Robert T. Maxon track. The old record had stood since 1978. His score currently ranks him third among PSAC decathletes. The top 14 performers in the conference compete at the PSAC meet in the event. Kitner will be competing at the conference meet in the long jump, 100 meter dash, and of course the pole vault.

Eric Franetti put up a score of 4457, which currently places him at 13 in the conference. Franetti will compete at the PSAC meet in the pole vault

regardless of his standing in the decathlon since he made the qualifying height of 13'6" earlier this season.

Travis Boyer will compete at the PSAC meet in the high jump after making a leap of 6'4" earlier this season which is the qualifying height. This will be the third championship meet this year for Boyer. He also competed in the cross-country championships during the Fall, and the Eastern College Athletic Conference meet during indoor season. "It is no easy feat," commented head coach Jim Taylor.

The team will unfortunately be without the invaluable Lamar Crawford. Crawford became ineligible for the remainder of the season due to NCAA regarding course load. However, Crawford does have one season eligibility remaining.

Kelly Maines won the heptathlon with a score of 3786 points. Maines also set heptathlon records in the shot put (29'11"), long jump (15'6"), and 800 meter dash (2:33). Her total score eclipsed the old record of 3445 set by former MU track great Emilia Waltz in 1991.

Kim Carman came in second with a score of 2862, while first-year competitors Alicia Davinsizer and Jennifer Nichols came in third and fourth with scores of 2431 and 2401, respectively. Davinsizer current-

ly ranks 15 in the conference, while Nichols is 16.

Taylor intends to have Carman and Maines compete at the PSAC meet in the heptathlon. It is possible that Nichols and Davinsizer will make the cut as well. Opposing coaches will likely choose to have their competitors win more points by entering them in the open versions of the events that comprise the heptathlon, which would open the gate for Nichols and Davinsizer.

Davinsizer has qualified for the PSAC meet in the high jump meeting the 5'2" required jump, while Carman will compete in the pole vault where she holds the school record. Maines qualified in the long jump after leaping 16'2" earlier this season which set the new school record in the event. The old record had stood since 1982. Another first-year competitor, Brandy Lingenfelter, has qualified for the PSAC meet in the shot put. Lingenfelter's throw of 36'9" was almost four inches above the qualifying standards.

According to Taylor, "We have other people who are real close in qualifying in their events. They still have two opportunities since we have two more meets to go."

This Sunday, MU will travel to Cornell and the following Saturday to Lock Haven.

MU second in tri-meet with Bloom, LHU

By NICOLE CORTESE
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University Track and Field Team is on their way to the top after placing second in a tri-meet hosted in Karl Van Norman Field last Wednesday afternoon. The men and women leaped over Bloomsburg and came short of the distance against Lock Haven as they came in second, but Kelly Maines was in the spot light breaking school records.

Maines broke the school record in the 100-meter high hurdles. She finished fourth in the 100-meter high hurdles race in 16.6, breaking the old record that was set back in 1991 by Amelia Waltz.

The women scored a commanding 94 points in the meet, behind Maines and her fellow teammates. Kim Carman was not breaking records, but tied her own school record in the pole vault as she cleared 8'6". This performance gave her a second place finish. Theresa Stanford won the 800-meters in 2:32.8, while Karen Krouse heaved the discus 108'3" to win that competition. The strength of Brandy Lingenfelter finished second in the shot put and third in the discus.

As the women were



Photo provided
Kelly Maines

racking up points left and right, the men did not trail by far. They came up with 86 points to finish their day and had many outstanding performances. Kyle Kitner took home three prizes as he won the pole vault, clearing 13', and won the long jump, leaping 21'3 3/4". He also took second home in the javelin. Eric Franetti was not far behind Kitner taking second in the pole vault and placing third in the triple jump, while Seth Tilli took home second in the 100-meter dash. Travis Boyer was one step or leap above Franetti placing second in the triple jump.

The Mountis have a meet April 30, at Cornell.

This week in Mountaineer Sports

Baseball: 4-27 @ Ship (1p.m.)

4-29 vs. M'ville (1p.m.)

4-30 @ WCU (1p.m.)

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Flashlight Sports

The 7th inning stretch is upon us Baseball team owns 7-7 conference record with 10 games left

The Mansfield University baseball team split a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) doubleheader with visiting East Stroudsburg University Monday afternoon, winning the first game 11-3 behind a three-run home run by senior catcher Scott Costa (North Wales/Archbishop Carroll), and dropping the nightcap 2-0.

Mansfield scored six runs in the second inning of the opener, behind Costa's three-run blast over the rightfield fence, and put the game out of reach with five runs in the fifth. Bill Allen (Towanda/Towanda) struck out nine in five innings of work, allowing two hits and one unearned run to post the victory. He is 5-1 this season.

Chad Swogger (Tyrone/Bellwood-Antis) was 3-3 with two RBI, while Costa was 2-3. Cory Goodman (Williamsport/Williamsport) had a two-run double in the fifth inning and stole two bases while Derrick Nace (Loysville/West Perry) had a two-run single in the fifth and scored two runs.

Mike Pavolko had the Mounties' number in the nightcap, throwing a five-hit shutout

with six strikeouts for ESU (18-20/7-9 PSAC). Mansfield had the bases loaded with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning, but Pavolko ended the threat with a strikeout. Shawn Wettig (East Petersburg/Hempfield) allowed two earned runs on four hits, working five and a third innings to take the loss for the Mounties.

Mansfield (22-15/7-7 PSAC East) hosts Kutztown University Tuesday in a PSAC doubleheader at 1 p.m.

MU drops two to M'Ville, split with Ship

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After a long week of rain and miserable weather, the Mansfield University Baseball Team caught their delayed games and season underway. Unfortunately the Mounties week started off as miserable as the weather, when they dropped two to Millersville University and fell to third in the PSAC East. The PSAC East leader dropped Mansfield in both games of the double-



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Chad Swogger is fondly congratulated by his teammates after belting another homerun.

header, 13-8 and 13-2.

In the opener, Mansfield was all over Millersville, banging out 10 hits and scoring five runs in the first inning alone. The Mounties fire would be put out when Millersville exploded in the fifth inning with seven runs. They would capitalize and run

the Mounties into the ground with three more runs in the sixth. This rally gave the Millionaires the win. Matt Edwards went 2-4 at the plate and had a double and two RBI's for the Mounties.

In the nightcap things started to look worse and worse for the Mounties as Millersville

just hammered them into the ground. Millersville led by two going into the later half of the game before exploding again with seven runs to put the Mounties to bed.

Losing to Millersville dropped them behind their next competitor, Shippensburg, who split the winnings with the Mounties and gave them their 20th win of the season. Scott Costa is credited with leading the rally that would boost Mansfield past Shippensburg 12-9 in the opener of PSAC East competition.

Millersville rubbed off on Mansfield, as the Mounties were down 2-0 before erupting in the bottom of the fifth inning giving 15 batters the opportunity and scoring nine runs. Shippensburg never let the excitement dwindle as they jumped right back scoring seven in the top of the sixth inning to tie the score at nine. However, the Mounties were not giving up so easy as they came right back in the bottom of the inning to score the winning runs. Donnie Frank and RJ Lee worked well together and led off the inning with singles. The powerful hitting of Chad Swogger gave Frank time to score on a right-fielders error, while Lee passed the plate on a sacrifice fly by Edwards.

The heat is beginning to escalate Lady Mounties dropping conference games in heartbreaking fashion

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Mansfield scored six runs in the sixth inning to break a 1-1 tie to make a winner out of Kelly Morris (Centreville, MD/Queen Anne's) in the opener. Morris pitched a complete-game seven-hitter, striking out three. In the sixth, Kim Swarts (Peru, NY/Peru) put the game out of reach with a three-run homer, her fifth of the season. Megan Williams (Shillington/Blue Mountain) was 3-4 with two runs scored, while Morris helped her cause with two hits. Gwen Shade (Gratz/Upper Dauphin), Sarah Betke (Troy/Troy), Rosie Pagana (Ringwood, NJ/Newburgh Free Academy) and Jessica Ricker (Shillington/Governor Mifflin) each had two hits as the Mounties

pounded out 16.

The Mounties (14-16/6-12 PSAC East) dropped the nightcap in heartbreaking fashion, scoring two unearned runs in the bottom of the sixth. Mansfield left a runner stranded at second base in the top of the seventh. Ricker was 3-3 with a double, while Lindsay Dempsey (Jessup/Valley View) was the tough-luck loser, allowing four hits and striking out two over six innings.

The Mounties travel to Millersville Saturday in another PSAC doubleheader.

Morris breaks 30 win plateau as Lady Mounties take a split

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Megan Williams' play has been solid in sparking the offense of Lady Mounties this season.

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